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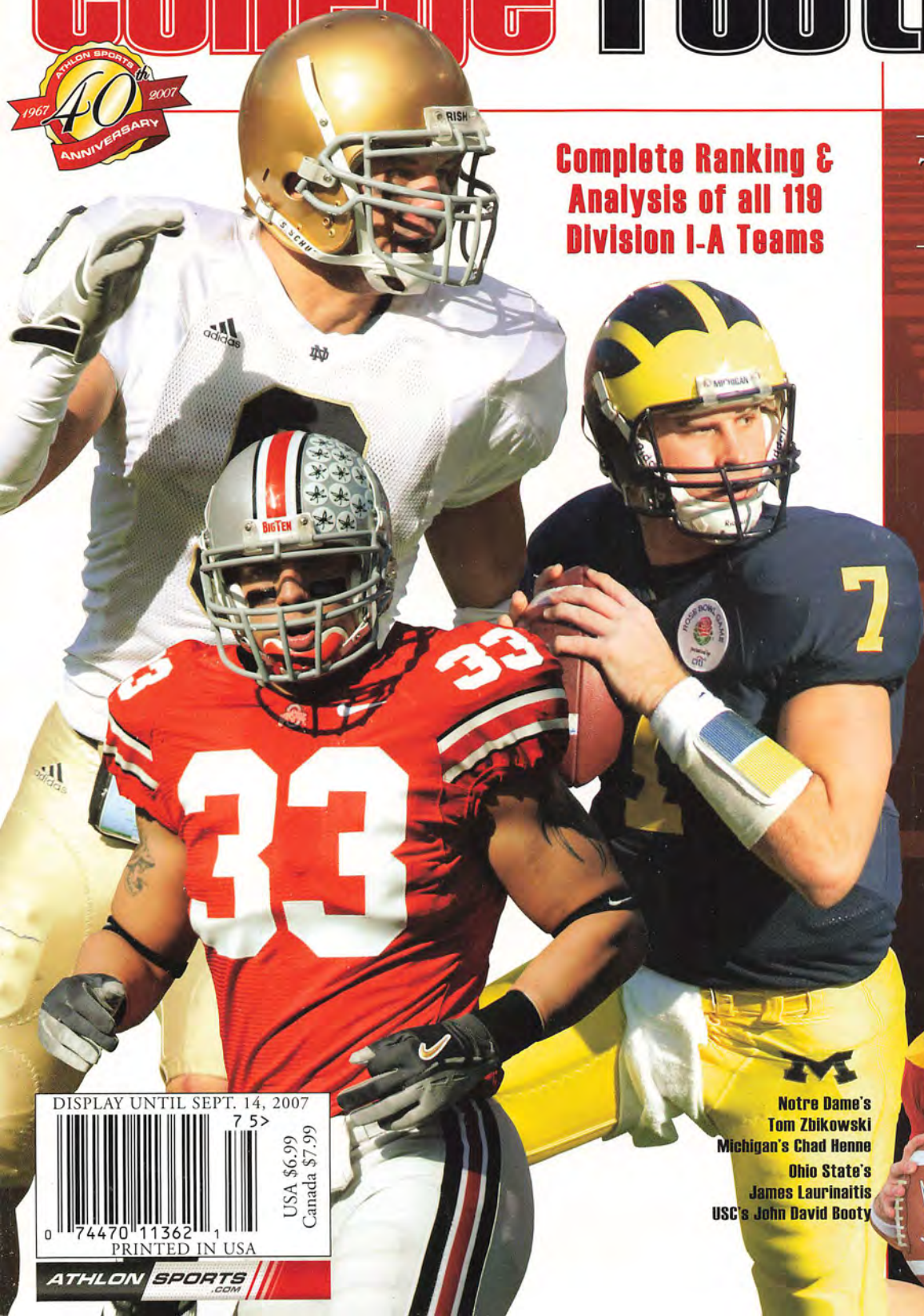
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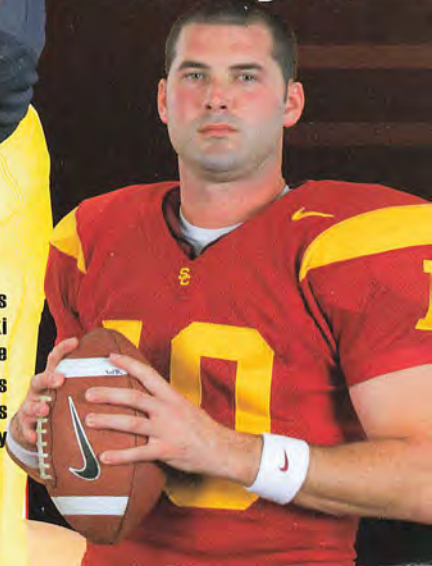
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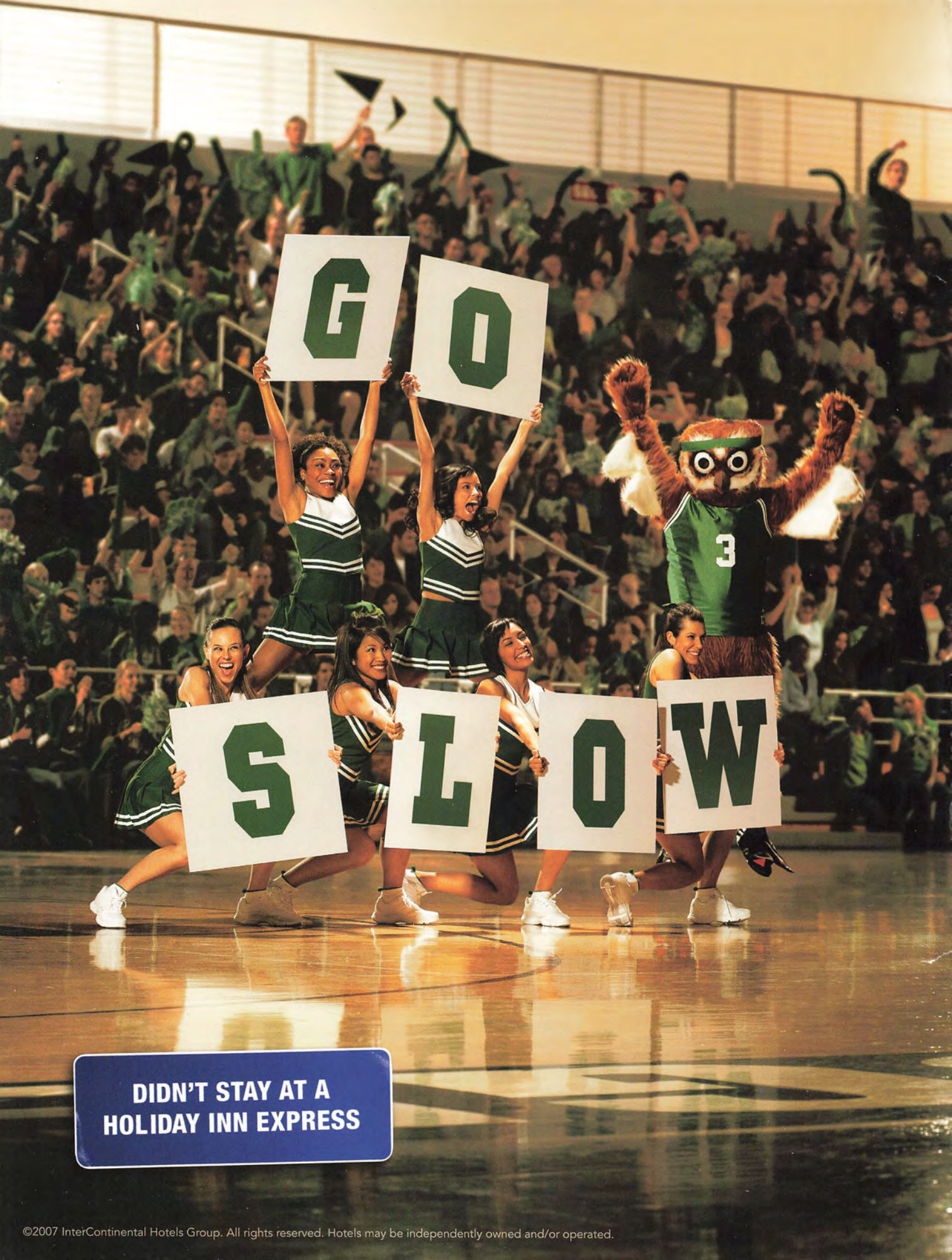
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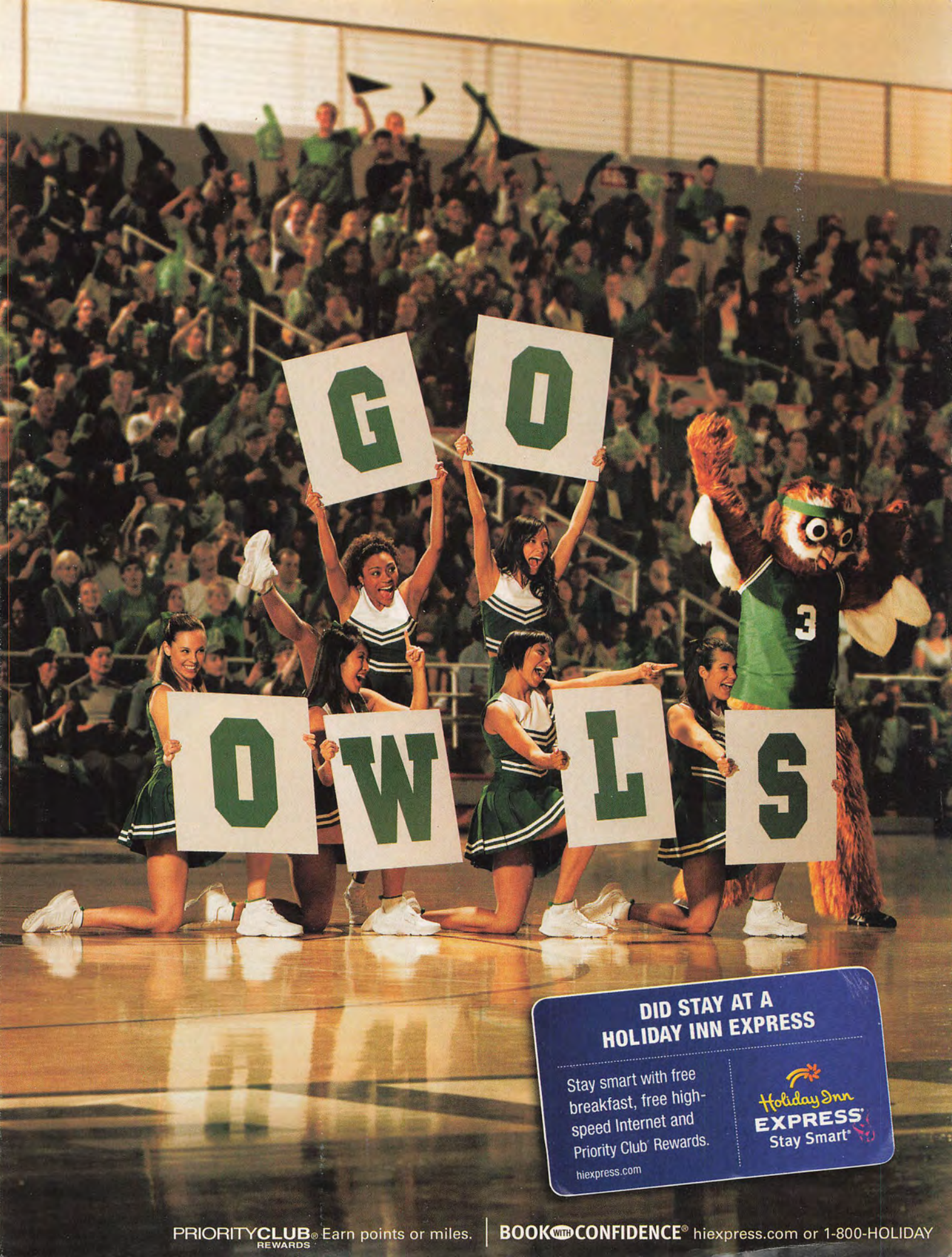
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College football is a coaches' game. If you want to win big, you better have a good coach. Sure, there are some schools that can win consistently no matter who is roaming the sidelines. But very few programs can win big without a top-notch head coach. Consider the following: Notre Dame, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida State, Miami and Penn State have each lost six games or more in a season at least once in the past three years. And USC, a team that has dominated the sport over the past five years, had a losing record as recently as 2000. What does this mean? Tradition no longer guarantees success. Having a great coach (usually) guarantees success.

With the exception of Penn State and Florida State, each one of the above schools has made a coaching change recently. Why? Because they didn't believe they had the right man to lead their program. In a time when the stakes (and salaries) are so high, can you really blame a school for making a change if it isn't 100 percent sure its current coach is an ideal fit?

This year, the coaching carousel was quite active, with 23 of the 119 Division I-A schools making a change. Nick Saban — and his \$4 million per year salary — received the most publicity, but Alabama is not the only school that hit a home run during the offseason. North Carolina, which has been unable to sustain success since Mack Brown bolted for Texas, has to be thrilled that Burt Davis decided to call Chapel Hill home. There is no doubt that Davis will win big at North Carolina. In fact, I will make the prediction that over the next five years Davis will have a better winning percentage in ACC games than Saban will in SEC action. Now, I realize that the competition — especially at the top of the league — is more difficult in the SEC, but you must realize that Alabama went 10-2 as recently as 2005 while North Carolina hasn't enjoyed a winning record since 2001. This isn't to suggest that Saban will not succeed at Alabama; I'd be shocked if he didn't. I just think Davis is a great fit at a school with tremendous potential.

Alabama and North Carolina aren't the only schools to receive a high grade in the hiring department. I'd also give an 'A' to Air Force (Troy Calhoun), Cincinnati (Brian Kelly), Louisville (Steve Kragthorpe) and Tulsa (Todd Graham). And for an under-the-radar hire that could pay big dividends down the road, take a look at Tim Brewster at Minnesota. There is nothing in Brewster's track record that suggests he will be (or won't be, for that matter) a successful head coach at this level, but this career assistant (in both the collegiate ranks and the NFL) has done a tremendous job bringing some much-needed energy to a rather stale Gopher program. He obviously must prove himself by winning games, but I have a feeling we will look back on this as one of the better hires of the 2007 season.

For a more detailed rundown of all the offseason coaching moves, turn to page 28 for our annual New Coaches feature.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on your school's coach, as well. Email us at editor@athlonsports.com.

Enjoy the season.

Mitchell Light, Senior Editor

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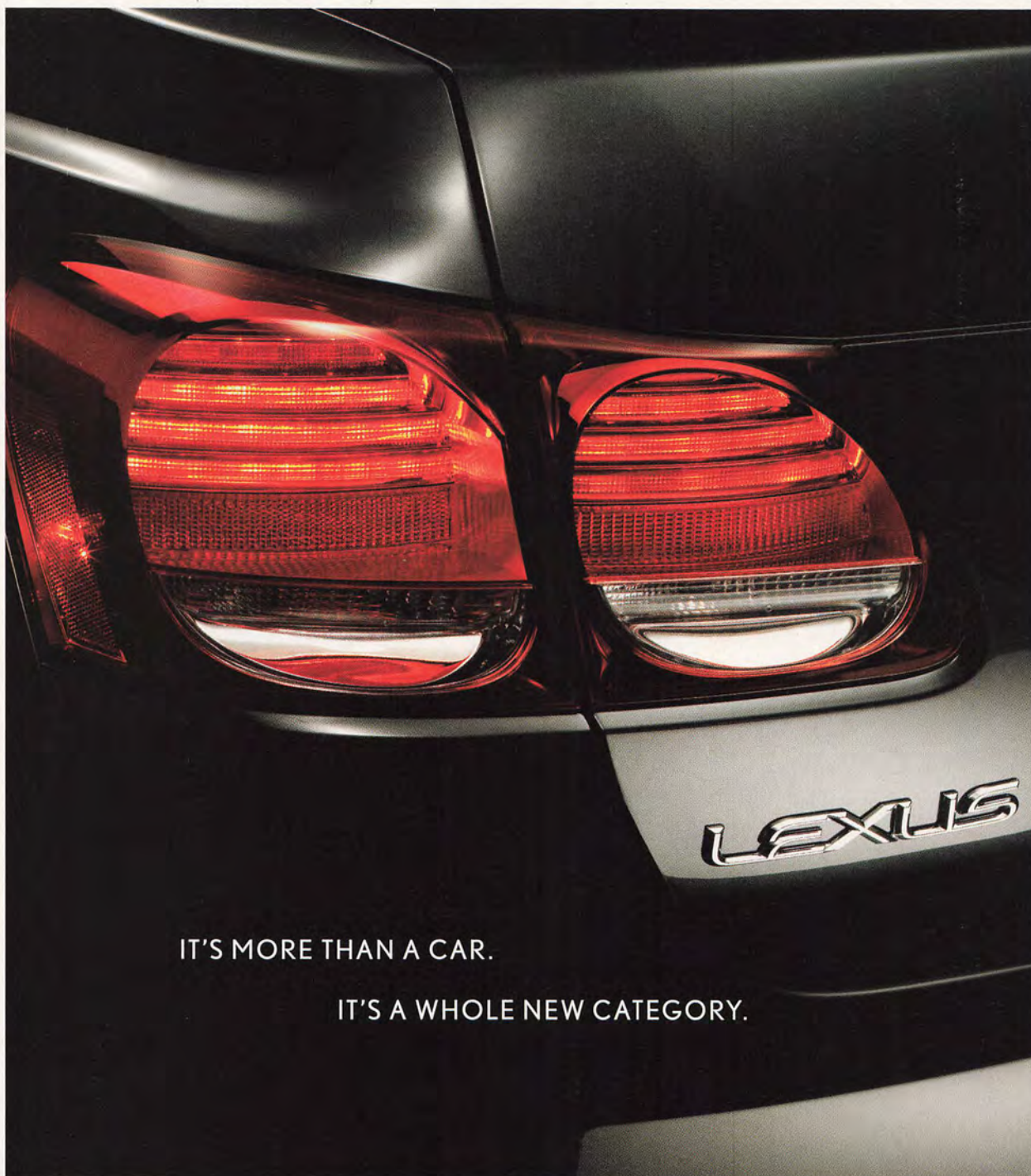
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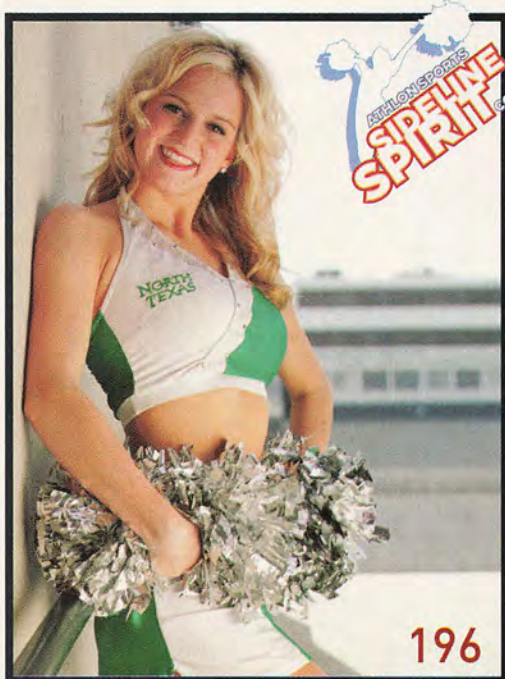
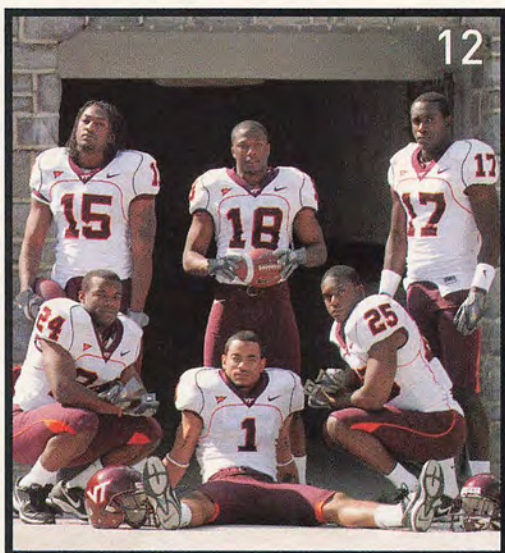
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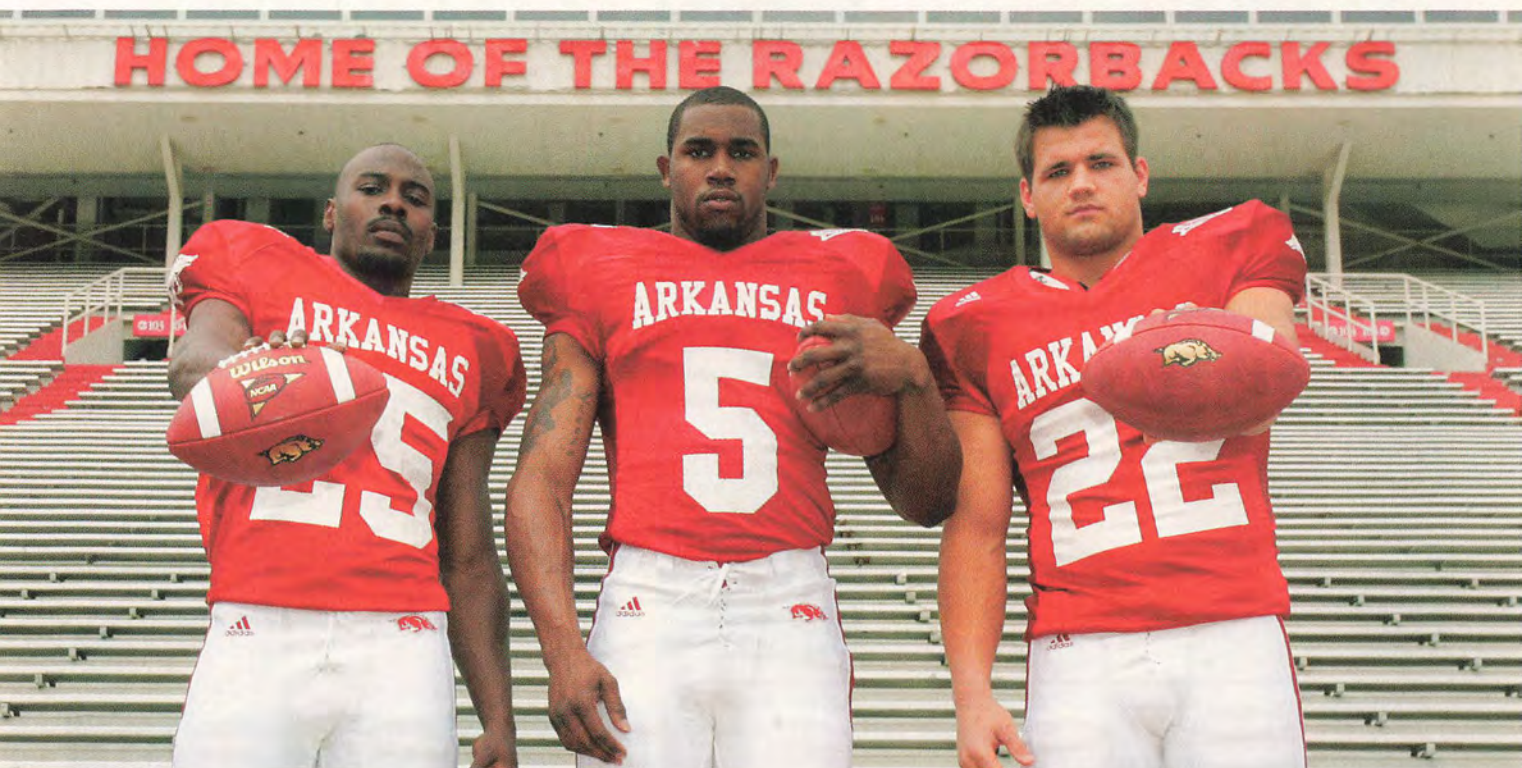
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TOP QB UNITS

1. USC
2. LOUISVILLE
3. HAWAII
4. WEST VIRGINIA
5. BOSTON COLLEGE
6. KENTUCKY
7. MISSOURI
8. TEXAS
9. TULSA
10. TENNESSEE

TOP RB UNITS

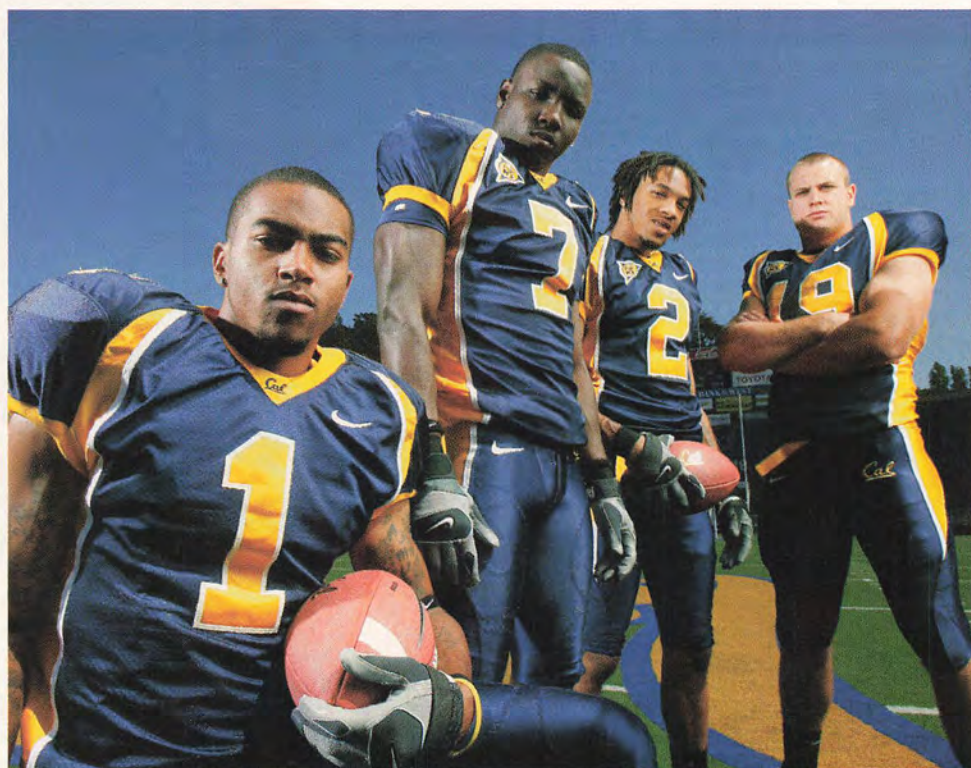
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2. WEST VIRGINIA
3. CLEMSON
4. TEXAS A&M
5. RUTGERS
6. TENNESSEE
7. MICHIGAN
8. OKLAHOMA STATE
9. SOUTHERN MISS
10. OREGON

TOP OL UNITS

1. FLORIDA
2. OREGON STATE
3. USC
4. BOISE STATE
5. TEXAS A&M
6. OKLAHOMA
7. RUTGERS
8. ALABAMA
9. LSU
10. NEBRASKA

TOP WR UNITS

1. CALIFORNIA
2. LOUISVILLE
3. HAWAII
4. FLORIDA
5. VIRGINIA TECH
6. NEBRASKA
7. OKLAHOMA
8. KENTUCKY
9. PITTSBURGH
10. MISSOURI



TOP DL UNITS

1. LSU
2. TEXAS
3. USC
4. FLORIDA STATE
5. GEORGIA TECH
6. RUTGERS
7. TCU
8. AUBURN
9. WISCONSIN
10. UCLA

TOP LB UNITS

1. USC
2. VIRGINIA TECH
3. SOUTH CAROLINA
4. TCU
5. LSU
6. OREGON STATE
7. PENN STATE
8. HAWAII
9. NEBRASKA
10. ARIZONA

TOP DB UNITS

1. VIRGINIA TECH
2. LSU
3. OKLAHOMA
4. USC
5. ARIZONA
6. UCLA
7. MIAMI
8. WISCONSIN
9. RUTGERS
10. WESTERN MICHIGAN

TOP QB UNITS

1. USC

Trojan quarterback John David Booty is believed to be the first player ever to graduate from high school a full year before his class and play Division I-A football. That first year out of Shreveport, La., Evangel Christian, he was No. 2 on the quarterback depth chart behind Matt Leinart. As a first-year starter in 2006, Booty completed 62 percent of his passes (269-of-436) for 3,347 yards and 29 touchdowns. His 269 completions in '06 are tied for fourth on USC's single-season passing chart. He opened his career as a starter with a bang — 24-of-35 for 261 yards and three touchdowns at Arkansas, followed in Game 2 with 25-of-36 for 257 yards and three more TDs. He added a rushing touchdown to his résumé in the Notre Dame game and finished the campaign by completing 27-of-45 for 391 yards and four touchdowns in a 32–18 Rose Bowl win over Michigan. He made first-team All-Pac-10 and enters 2007 as a front-runner for the Heisman Trophy. Backing up Booty is 2004 *Parade* All-America Player of the Year Mark Sanchez, now in his third year in the program.

2. LOUISVILLE

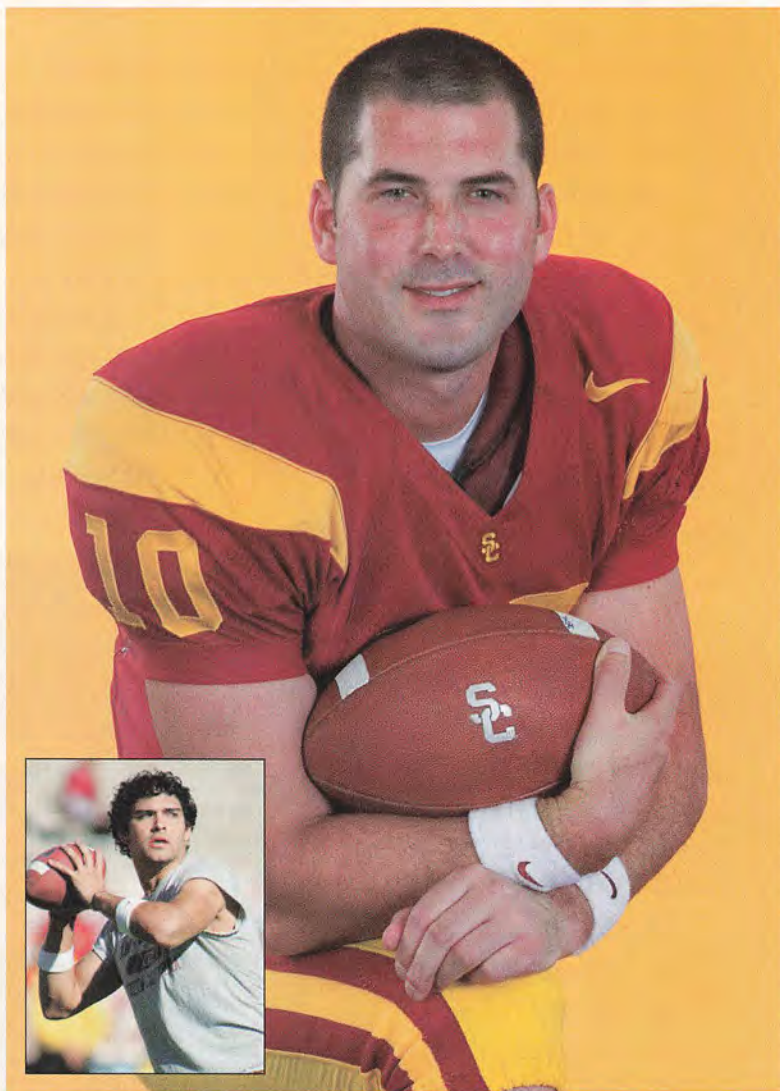
Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm has been fragile, but when he is healthy, he can take a defense apart with his arm. In 2004 he was the Conference USA Freshman of the Year as backup to Stefan LeFors. As a sophomore in 2005, Brohm finished second nationally in passing efficiency and was named Big East Offensive Player of the Year. He ended his junior season as MVP of the 2007 Orange Bowl, completing 24-of-34 passes for 311 yards in the Cardinals' 24–13 win over ACC champ Wake Forest. He has started 21 games and thrown for 6,751 career yards and 41 touchdowns. He is a career 66 percent passer. Backup Hunter Cantwell has proven remarkably effective during Brohm's frequent absences. Cantwell has started four games and completed 59 percent of his passes for 1,340 yards and 10 touchdowns. He has one more year as the Cardinals' insurance policy and should be the regular starter in 2008.

3. HAWAII

The 2006 Warriors led the nation in passing yards (441.3), total offense (559.2) and scoring (46.9), and pulling the trigger was quarterback Colt Brennan, who decided to bypass the 2007 NFL Draft and have a go at his senior year. Brennan completed 72.6 percent of his passes (406-of-559) for 5,549 yards and an NCAA-record 58 touchdowns. Brennan's 93 touchdown passes over the last two years are also an NCAA record. He led the nation in passing efficiency at 186.0, breaking the record of 183.3 set by Tulane's Shaun King in 1998. Brennan has broken or tied 25 school records and 16 NCAA records. He is the reigning WAC Offensive Player of the Year and finished sixth in last year's Heisman voting. Junior Tyler Graunke was 32-for-43 as Brennan's backup. He threw four touchdown passes and zero interceptions.

4. WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez believes quarterback to be the strength of his team. Patrick White, the Big East 2006 Offensive Player of the Year and reigning Gator Bowl MVP, is a lethal ball-carrier — after only 17 starts, he already holds the conference career quarterback rushing record of 2,171 yards. When he gets past the line



USC's John David Booty and Mark Sanchez (inset)

he leaves defenders looking at his heels. He ran for 1,219 yards and 18 touchdowns last season, averaging 7.4 per carry, and had he thrown one more pass he would have qualified for the Division I-A passing efficiency chart and come in ninth. Backup Jarrett Brown started and won the Mountaineers' season-ending triple-overtime classic against Rutgers, and he's back along with Adam Bednarik, a dropback passer and seven-game starter in 2005 before giving way to White.

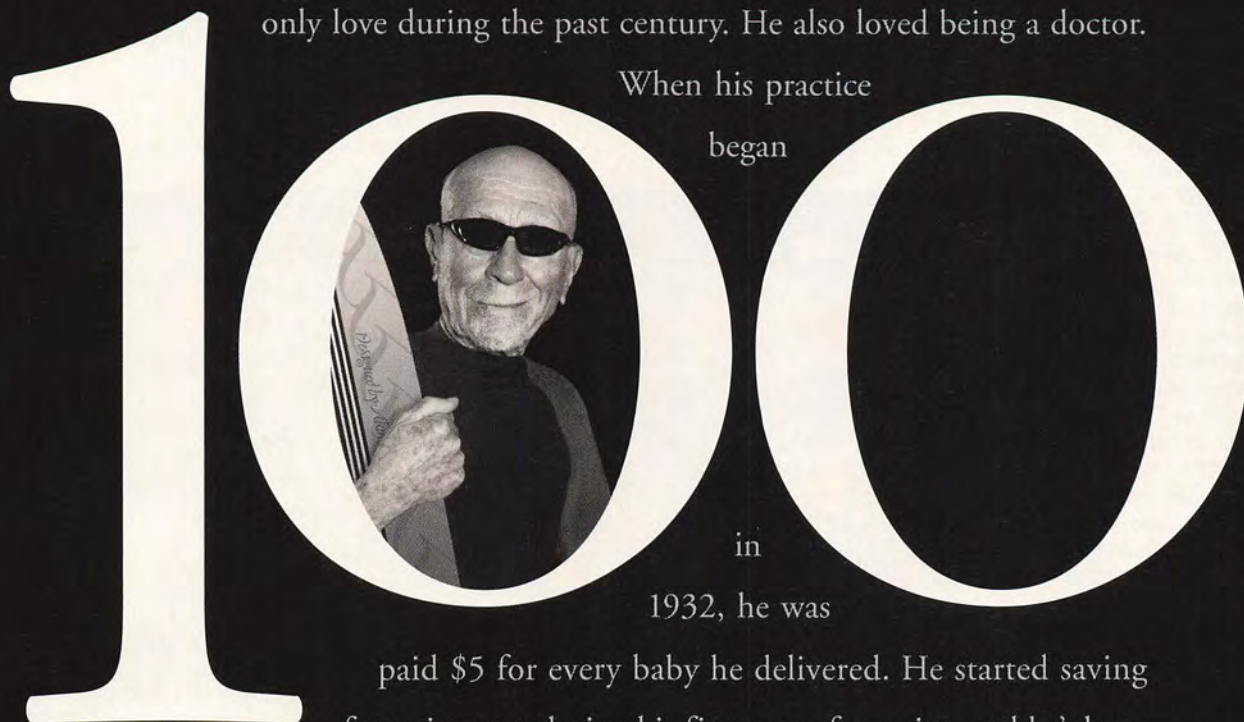
5. BOSTON COLLEGE

If Matt Ryan isn't the best quarterback in America, he's certainly in the running for the toughest — he played seven games last year with a broken foot. His Jan. 5 surgery repaired the fracture, and he was back for spring practice learning the offensive system installed by new coach Jeff Jagodzinski, and the coach expressed pleasure at how easily the QB assimilated it. Ryan completed 62 percent of his passes for 2,942 yards and 15 touchdowns and also ran for four scores last season. The 6'5" Ryan, now a senior, has thrown for 4,806 career yards with 25 TDs despite not cracking the starting lineup until midway through his sophomore year. Ryan's backup, junior Chris Crane, also returns after connecting on 22-of-32 pass attempts in limited duty last year.

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TOP RB UNITS

2. WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers' blazing-fast tailback Steve Slaton ran for 1,744 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2006, averaging 7.0 yards per carry. He finished fourth on the Division I-A rushing chart with 134.2 yards per game and second in all-purpose yards at 161.9. He surpassed the 200-yard mark against Marshall and Pitt (and against Georgia in the 2006 Nokia Sugar Bowl), and against the Panthers he ran for 215 yards and caught passes for 130. He was a consensus All-American and finished fourth in Heisman Trophy voting. Freshman Noel Devine, a late signee from Fort Meyers, Fla., could give West Virginia the best one-two tailback punch east of Fayetteville. Devine's high school highlight tape looks like something out of the Dreamworks Studio. Owen Schmitt gets lots of carries from his fullback position. He averaged 5.4 yards and ran for seven scores in 2006.

3. CLEMSON

Clemson coaches are searching for creative ways to get both of their explosive tailbacks — James Davis and C.J. Spiller — on the field at the same time. Davis was named the 2005 ACC Rookie of the Year after running for 879 yards and nine touchdowns. Last year he was first-team All-ACC after running for 1,187 yards and 17 scores. He tore up the Georgia Tech defense with 216 yards and two TDs on 21 carries in a 31-7 Tiger romp on Oct. 21. He averaged 5.8 per carry for the year. As a freshman last year, Spiller picked up 938 yards at 7.3 per carry with 10 touchdowns. He exceeded the 100-yard mark five times, including 154- and 155-yard outings in consecutive November games against NC State and South Carolina.

4. TEXAS A&M

The Aggies finished eighth nationally in rushing last fall, averaging 207 yards per game overland, and the top three ground gainers are back for 2007. No. 3 is quarterback Stephen McGee, but the top two are running backs Jorvorskie Lane and Mike Goodson. Lane, a 274-pound human battering ram, is the best short-yardage back in America. An All-Big 12 returnee, he rumbled for 725 yards and tied a 79-year-old school record with 19 rushing touchdowns. Goodson led the Aggies in rushing with 847 yards, topped the Big 12 with 6.7 yards per carry and was named the league's Freshman of the Year. He ran for 127 yards against Oklahoma and averaged 5.7 per carry with a 41-yard touchdown run against Texas' vaunted rushing defense.

5. RUTGERS

Brian Leonard was making a name for himself at running back for the Scarlet Knights. Then Ray Rice arrived and Leonard went to fullback. Leonard is now playing in the NFL, but Rice — first-team All-Big East and second-team All-America in 2006 — is back for 2007. A powerfully built, 5'9", 200-pounder with breakaway speed, Rice set a new Big East record with 1,794 rushing yards last fall. He finished third in the nation with 138 yards per game, averaged 5.4 per carry and scored 20 times. Rice is the first player in school history to run for 200-plus yards in each of four different games — all on the road. After only two years, he is already third in school history with 2,914 rushing yards. Kordell Young backed up Rice as a freshman last year, showed a nice burst and should share more of the load in 2007.

1. ARKANSAS

Arkansas' Darren McFadden and Felix Jones were the top two rushers in the SEC last fall, when both picked up over 1,000 yards on the ground. In 2005, McFadden became only the second freshman in SEC history to rush for over 1,000 yards (the other was Georgia's Herschel Walker). As a sophomore last season, McFadden ran for 1,647 yards at 5.8 per carry with 14 touchdowns, and finished 10th nationally with 117.6 yards a game. In coach Houston Nutt's "wildcat" formation, McFadden takes the snap from center and pilots the



Fullback Peyton Hillis and tailbacks Darren McFadden and Felix Jones

offense. His 2006 numbers also include 7-of-9 passing with three touchdown tosses. He won the Doak Walker Award and was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy. Jones averaged a whopping 7.6 yards per carry, running for 1,168 yards and six touchdowns. Third-string tailback Michael Smith also returns after averaging 7.1 yards on 35 carries with three more scores. Fullback Peyton Hillis was slowed by injuries last fall, but he is also a weapon running the ball or catching it out of the backfield.

NEXT UP:

» TENNESSEE

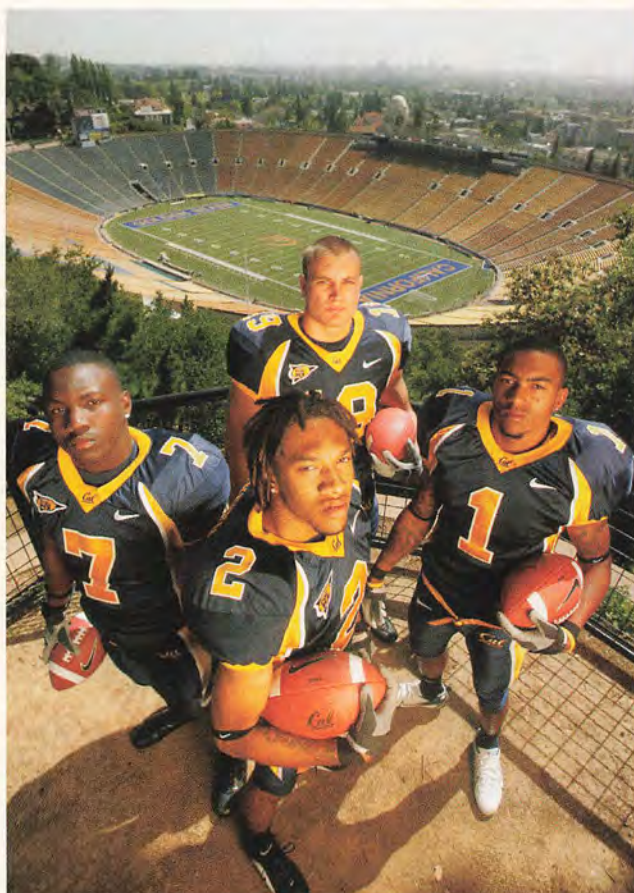
» MICHIGAN

» OKLAHOMA STATE

» SOUTHERN MISS

» OREGON

TOP WR/TE UNITS



Wide receivers Lavelle Hawkins, Robert Jordan and DeSean Jackson and tight end Craig Stevens (back).

2. LOUISVILLE

Louisville returns its top three pass catchers from 2006. Leading the stellar wide receiver corps is senior Harry Douglas, who caught 70 passes last year for a school-record 1,265 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 18.1 yards per reception and landed on the All-Big East first team. In his most recent outing, Douglas caught 10 passes for 165 yards in Louisville's 24-13 Orange Bowl win over Wake Forest. Fellow Cardinal wideout Mario Urrutia averaged 16.8 yards on 58 catches and made second-team all-conference. Douglas at 5'11" and Urrutia at 6'6" are both field-stretchers, and each caught six touchdown passes last fall. Tight end Gary Barnidge is an integral part of the passing game with 31 catches, four for touchdowns, and a 16.5-yard average in '06.

3. HAWAII

Not one but two 1,000-yard receivers from 2006 return for the Warriors. Leading the way is Davone Bess, Hawaii's leading receiver each of the last two seasons. After an 89-catch, 14-touchdown freshman campaign in 2005, Bess came up with 96 catches for 15 touchdowns in '06. Jason Rivers followed up with 72 catches and 10 TD grabs last fall. Bess amassed 1,220 receiving yards, Rivers 1,178. Ryan Grice-Mullen averaged a team-high 16.7 yards on 46 catches and would have joined Bess and Rivers in the 1,000-yard club had he not been out four games with an injury. He and Bess both exceeded 1,100 yards in receiving two years ago as freshmen. Bess, Rivers and Grice-Mullen again will have Colt Brennan, one of the most prolific quarterbacks in history, throwing to them.

1. CALIFORNIA

The wide receiver trio of DeSean Jackson, Lavelle Hawkins and Robert Jordan has been terrorizing Pac-10 secondaries for the past two years, and all three are back in 2007. They combined for 151 catches for 2,336 yards and 18 touchdowns, giving them 270 catches for 3,895 yards and 32 scores for their collective careers. Jackson has topped the group in each of his first two seasons in Berkeley. Last year he posted team highs with 59 receptions, 1,060 receiving yards and nine TD catches after a 38-catch, seven-touchdown output in '05. He is also the best punt returner in America — he ran four back for touchdowns last fall — and was first-team All-Pac 10 as both a wide receiver and punt returner.

4. FLORIDA

The Gators lose Dallas Baker, their top receiver from last year, but perhaps the most explosive wideout in America — Percy Harvin — is back. As a freshman last year, Harvin averaged 11.4 yards every time he touched the ball. He scored three times on the ground and caught two touchdown passes. He is the reigning MVP of the SEC Championship Game in which he ran for 105 yards and scored two touchdowns, and followed that up with nine catches against Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game, giving him 34 for the season. He was named SEC Freshman of the Year by both media and coaches, and his role will expand exponentially in 2007. Andre Caldwell returns for his fifth year only 44 catches shy of the school's all-time receptions record. He caught 57 passes last year, six for touchdowns. Cornelius Ingram is a rangy 6'4" wideout who doubles as a tight end and posted a 30-catch campaign in 2006.

5. VIRGINIA TECH

Wide receivers Josh Morgan, Eddie Royal, Justin Harper and Josh Hyman all return for Virginia Tech after combining for 101 catches for 1,380 yards and eight touchdowns last season. All four are seniors. Morgan, powerfully built for a receiver, caught 33 balls with a team-high four touchdowns. Royal led the team with a 16-yard average on 31 receptions and also picks up good yardage running reverses. The tallest of the group at 6'4", Harper averaged 15.4 yards on 21 catches. Hyman suffered through injuries last season and made only 16 catches, but he has shown big-play ability when healthy, averaging 17.2 yards on 40 catches with five TDs his first two years. Tight ends Sam Wheeler and Greg Boone combined for 18 catches, three for scores, as freshmen last year.

NEXT UP:

NEBRASKA <> OKLAHOMA <> KENTUCKY <> PITTSBURGH <> MISSOURI

TOP OL UNITS

1. FLORIDA

Except for one player who missed the Vanderbilt game with an injury, the Florida offensive line stayed together as a unit all through the national title campaign. It came together as a cohesive group over the course of the season, and four starters are back for 2007. Phil Trautwein and Drew Miller have the rare distinction of being offensive linemen who played on opening day of their freshman year, and now they are seniors. Both were second-team All-SEC choices a year ago. Miller moves from right guard to center to fill the vacancy there, and a handful of candidates are challenging for the right guard job. Trautwein returns at his familiar left tackle position. Senior Carlton Medder started every game at right tackle for the Gators last fall, and Jim Tartt started all but one at left guard.



Tackles Carlton Medder and Phil Trautwein

2. OREGON STATE

The Beavers were the only team in the Pac-10 last year that placed all five of its offensive line starters on all-conference teams in some capacity, and four of the starters return for 2007. Jeremy Perry was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection as a sophomore last fall after being named conference co-Freshman of the Year in 2005. At 6'2", 313, he is one of the nation's best. Perry and senior Roy Scheuning comprise the top guard tandem in the nation. Scheuning was the lead blocker on Yvenson Bernard's two-point conversion run in the Sun Bowl. Second-team All-Pac-10 center Kyle DeVan returns for his third year as a starter. Andy Levitre, at 6'3", 326, is back at right tackle, with 6'6", 303-pound junior Tavita Thompson slated to take over at left tackle.

3. USC

The leader of the USC offensive line — second-team All-America center Ryan Kalil — is gone, but the best left tackle in America — Sam Baker — is back. Baker is a two-time first-team All-American entering his fourth year as a starter. Both of last year's guards — Chilo Rachal and Drew Radovich — are back, with Radovich moving to tackle for his senior year. Baker, Rachal and Radovich all check in at 6'5" and 300-plus pounds. Junior Jeff Byers, the former National High School Player of the Year (almost unheard-of for an offensive lineman), has been hampered by injuries up to now and now moves into Radovich's old guard spot. Byers started four games as a true freshman for the Trojans' 2004 national champions. Senior Matt Spanos is moving up at center, and sophomore Thomas Herring, a 6'6", 330-pound L.A. native, is barging his way into the tackle rotation.

4. BOISE STATE

The Broncos finished in the top 10 nationally last season in rushing, total offense and scoring, and four starters return up front on that side of the ball, led by 6'6", 319-pound All-America tackle Ryan Clady. Without Clady, this line would be outstanding. With him, it's dominant. He started 11 games as a freshman at right tackle two years ago and all 13 games at left tackle last fall. Seniors Jeff Cavender and Tad Miller have started every game of their careers — 38 in a row. Cavender, a second-team All-WAC honoree last year, moves back to center from right guard with Miller holding down the left guard assignment for a fourth straight year. Andrew Woodruff, a 331-pound 12-game starter at right tackle in 2006, moves to Cavender's guard spot for '07, with senior Dan Gore moving up at right tackle.

5. TEXAS A&M

Coach Dennis Franchione's Aggies will field one of the best rushing teams in the nation in 2007, and a powerful, veteran offensive line will pave the way. Four starters return up front from the 2006 unit that was second in the Big 12 in rushing and third-down conversions, and amassed a per-game average of 397 yards in total offense. Guard Kirk Elder and center Cody Wallace both earned postseason honors last season, while tackles Yemi Babalola and Corey Clark have that potential as well. The four have started a combined 98 games. Elder has started the last 35 in a row, Wallace the last 24. Senior Chris Yoder is game-proven at both center and guard and has 12 career starts under his belt.

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TOP DL UNITS

1. LSU

LSU held its opponents to less than 100 yards per game on the ground in 2006 and finished third nationally in total defense, and the most formidable three-man tackle rotation in America is back intact. All three are in the 6'1"-6'3", 290-300-pound range, and All-American Glenn Dorsey is the anchor of the group. Marlon Favorite and Charles Alexander also return after sharing the other tackle job. Tyson Jackson is a menacing presence at end who led the 2006 Tigers with 10 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks.



Glenn Dorsey, Charles Alexander, Marlon Favorite and Tyson Jackson

2. TEXAS

Texas finished third nationally in run defense and tied for 10th in sacks in 2006, and a veteran group returns up front for the Horns. Like LSU, Texas boasts an imposing three-man tackle contingent, and the leader of the pack is 6'5", 320-pound Frank Okam. Texas' tackles rarely put up eye-popping numbers — their job is to tie up the other teams' blocking for the linebackers to make the hits — and there are none better at what they do. Okam and the other two returning tackle regulars — Roy Miller and Derek Lokey — did manage to combine for 16 tackles behind the line.

3. USC

USC's defensive line is spearheaded by 2006 All-American Sedrick Ellis at nose tackle. Ellis proved to be a dominating force in the middle, notching 34 tackles, with eight behind the line and 4.5 sacks. Fili Moala and Chris Barrett started all 13 games between them at tackle in 2006 and both are back. Moala also started three early-season games at nose tackle while Ellis was out with an injury. End Lawrence Jackson enters his senior season with 35 career tackles for loss, 20 sacks, three blocked kicks and two interceptions.

4. FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles came in 12th nationally against the run and 18th overall in 2006, and three regulars are back in the front four. Andre Fluellen, a tackle by trade, played noseguard last season after Paul Griffin, a former junior college All-American, went down with an injury early in the season. Head coach Bobby Bowden is happy to have Griffin back, and so is Fluellen, who goes back to tackle after posting a career-high eight tackles for loss while playing out of position. With Everette Brown, Neefy Moffett, Eli Charles and Alex Boston all back, the Noles are also two-deep at the end positions.

5. GEORGIA TECH

The ornery Georgia Tech defense returns three starters along its front from last year, beginning with senior end Adamm Oliver. A second-team All-ACC performer in 2006, Oliver has started 29 games, including the last 26 in a row. Darrell Robertson, whose career highlight was an interception returned for a touchdown against Duke in 2005, is the other bookend. Robertson at 6'5", 245, and 6'7", 250-pound Michael Johnson are the team's most effective pass rushers. Junior Darryl Richard is a force at tackle.

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2. VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech led the nation last year in pass defense, total defense and scoring defense, and came in 11th in rushing defense. The top two tacklers are back for 2007 in linebackers Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi. Hall was first-team All-ACC last year after leading the conference with 128 tackles and posting a team-high 10.5 tackles for loss. Hokie defensive coordinator Bud Foster calls Hall the best linebacker in his 20 years on the job. Adibi teams with Hall in the best linebacker duo of Foster's tenure, and that's saying something. Adibi registered 82 tackles and three sacks, forced three fumbles, intercepted three passes and ran back a fumble 35 yards for a touchdown.

3. SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina middle linebacker Jasper Brinkley was a first-team All-SEC performer last season and enters 2007 as an All-America candidate. As a junior last year, Brinkley had more than twice as many tackles as any other Gamecock defender. Among his 107 total stops were a team-high 14.5 tackles for loss and five sacks. Jasper's twin brother, Casper, finished second on the team with 13.5 tackles for loss and tied for the team lead with seven sacks as a starting defensive end. He will play the weak-side linebacker position this year. Rodney Paulk was a second-team Freshman All-American last year and returns to his starting job on the strong side.

4. TCU

The Horned Frog linebackers were instrumental in a defense that finished second nationally last year both against the run and overall. In fact, TCU always seems to have more standout linebackers than should be expected from a team that plays a 4-2 defense. Junior Jason Phillips has started all 25 games of his career and has accumulated 144 tackles with 14.5 behind the line. Last fall he finished second on the team with 73 tackles, picked off a pass and made first-team All-Mountain West Conference. Phillips mans the middle with David Hawthorne, also a two-year starter, on the strong side. Though Hawthorne started all 13 games, his backup, Robert Henson, was an honorable mention all-conference choice with 64 tackles, including 7.5 for a loss.

5. LSU

All three starting linebackers return from a 2006 Bayou Bengal defense that finished third nationally in total defense, fourth in scoring defense, 14th against the run and third against the pass. Junior Darry Beckwith in the middle and senior Ali Highsmith at the Buck position notched 65 and 63 tackles, respectively, with a combined 9.5 behind the line and 5.5 sacks. Beckwith also came up with an interception in the Tennessee game. Highsmith, a second-team All-SEC selection, has 159 tackles for his career, 17 for a loss. In the Florida game last year he came up with six solo tackles and a sack, and also forced a fumble. He added five stops against Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl. Against Auburn, weak-side linebacker Luke Sanders did most of the damage, with eight tackles and a sack, and he's back after starting 11 games in '06.

TOP LB UNITS

1. USC

Oscar Lua entered 2006 as the top returning tackler for the Trojans, but Rey Mauuluga took the starting middle linebacker job away from him at the beginning of the season. Mauuluga and Keith Rivers, who returns on the weak side, both were first-team All-Pac-10 honorees last season. Rivers led the Trojans with 85 tackles and



Brian Cushing, Keith Rivers and Rey Mauuluga

forced three fumbles. Mauuluga finished second with 78 stops, picked off a pass and earned a reputation as a ferocious hitter. Brian Cushing spent last year at end and led the team with 13.5 tackles for loss, but has returned to linebacker, his natural position, and will man the strong side. Thomas Williams, Kaluka Maiava, Clay Matthews and Luthur Brown would be starters just about anywhere else. Chris Galippo of Anaheim is the nation's top-rated linebacker recruit of 2007.

NEXT UP:

- » OREGON STATE
- » PENN STATE
- » HAWAII
- » NEBRASKA
- » ARIZONA

2. LSU

LSU finished third in the nation in pass defense last fall, and both starting cornerbacks are back, plus a part-time safety. Jonathan Zenon returns in the left corner after picking off four passes last fall and running back two of them for touchdowns. He also tied for fourth in the SEC with 12 passes defended. At right cornerback, senior Chevis Jackson returns for his third year as a starter. He registered 14 passes defended last year and added two interceptions and 46 tackles. He led all Tiger defenders with six tackles in the Sugar Bowl win over Notre Dame. Zenon and Jackson both fit the term "lockdown cover corners." Craig Steltz notched 42 tackles and matched Zenon's team-leading four interceptions after coming into games off the bench and is now the full-time strong safety, with hard-hitting, athletic junior Curtis Taylor taking over at free safety.

3. OKLAHOMA

Lendy Holmes and Marcus Walker both return at cornerback for Oklahoma. Walker was second-team All-Big 12 after his performance in the regular season. Then in the Fiesta Bowl he added a third interception to his season total and ran it back 33 yards for a touchdown to give the Sooners a 35-28 lead with 1:02 to play. The cornerback picture will get crowded this fall when Reggie Smith, a first-team All-Big 12 pick last year, moves back there after a year at strong safety. Smith picked off three passes last year and ran one back 42 yards for a touchdown, and returned another 52 yards to set up a score. Free safety Nic Harris, second-team all-conference in 2006, is the top returning tackler on the team and also led the Sooners with four interceptions, two of them in the Oregon game.

4. USC

All four starters return in the secondary for the Trojans, plus two others who have been starters. Taylor Mays, the 2006 National Defensive Freshman of the Year, is back at free safety. He led the team with three interceptions and added 62 tackles. Josh Pinkard began '06 as the starting free safety, but a knee injury in the opener at Arkansas ended his season, opening the door for Mays. Pinkard, whom coach Pete Carroll calls the best football player on the team, is back too. So are strong safety Kevin Ellison and cornerbacks Terrell Thomas, Cary Harris and Kevin Thomas. Terrell Thomas picked off a pair of passes and broke up 12 others. Sophomores Vincent Joseph and Shareece Wright are also working their way into the cornerback picture.

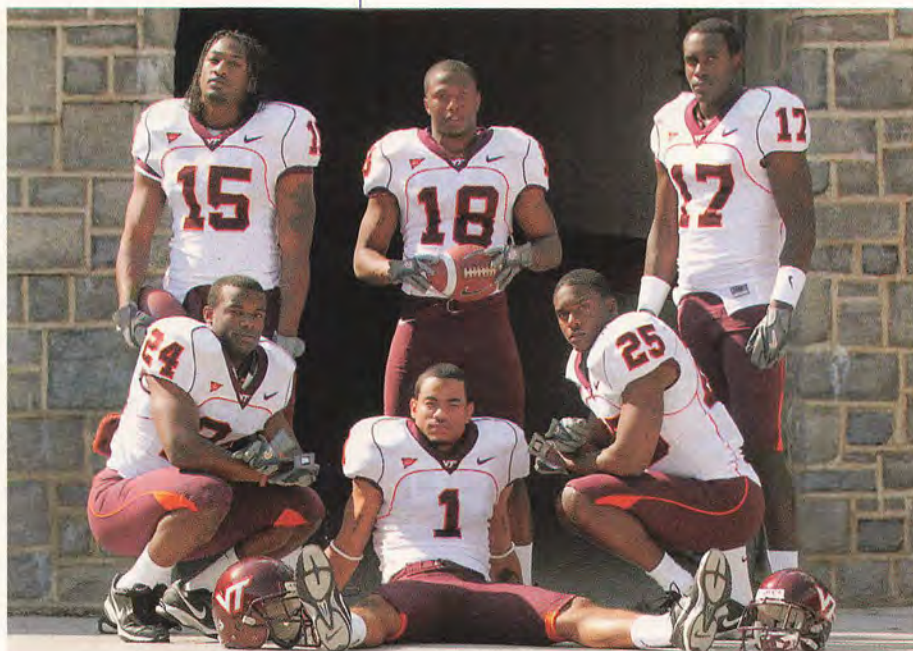
5. ARIZONA

All-America cornerback Antoine Cason is one of three returning starters in the Arizona secondary. Cason finished third among Wildcat defenders last year with 62 tackles. He also picked off three passes and ran one back for a score. He nailed down Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors twice last fall, against Washington State and California. Cason and Wilrey Fontenot, who posted a team-high eight pass breakups at the other corner, both are seniors who have been starters their entire careers. Sophomore Devin Ross and redshirt freshman Mike Turner, two highly regarded recruits last year, provide depth on the corners. Free safety Dominic Patrick is back after his 59-tackle, six-pass breakup 2006 campaign. Michael Klyce finished last year as the starting strong safety and added three interceptions to the team's total.

TOP DB UNITS

1. VIRGINIA TECH

The Hokies led the nation in pass defense in 2006, and three starters are back for '07, plus another starter from 2005. Cornerback Brandon Flowers led the ACC with 21 passes defended last fall (three interceptions, 18 breakups), and was consistently good from one week to the next. Victor "Macho" Harris lines up in the other



Front row: Dorian Porch, Macho Harris and D.J. Parker
Back row: Roland Minor, Brandon Flowers and Kam Chancellor

corner. He led the 2006 Hokies in interceptions with four, and ran one back 72 yards for a touchdown. Flowers and Harris both are juniors. A third cornerback, senior Roland Minor, had five interceptions over his first two years and was a starter two years ago, but an injury delayed the start of his 2006 season. He returned to the rotation around midseason and is back full speed for '07. Senior safety D.J. Parker is being looked to as a leader in the secondary. He racked up 41 tackles with a pair of interceptions last season, and also forced two fumbles.

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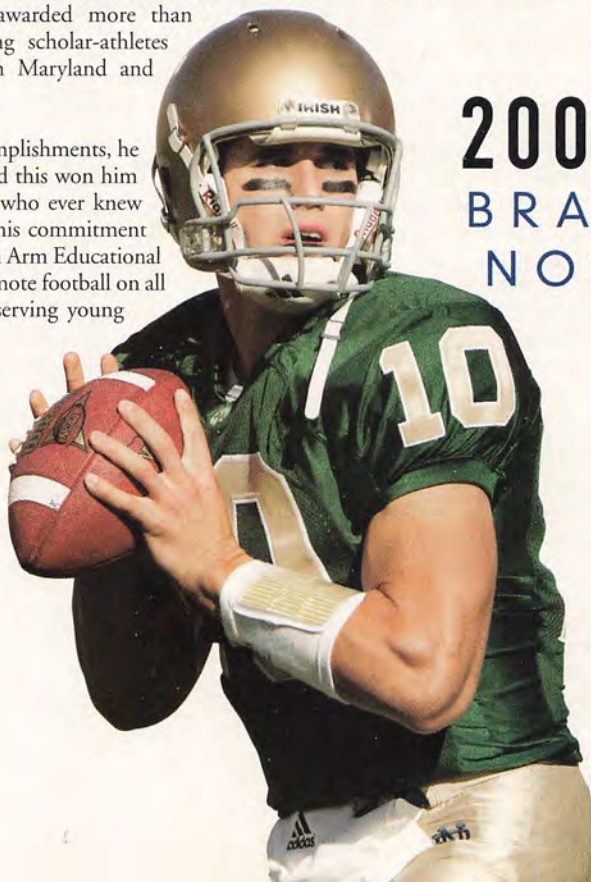
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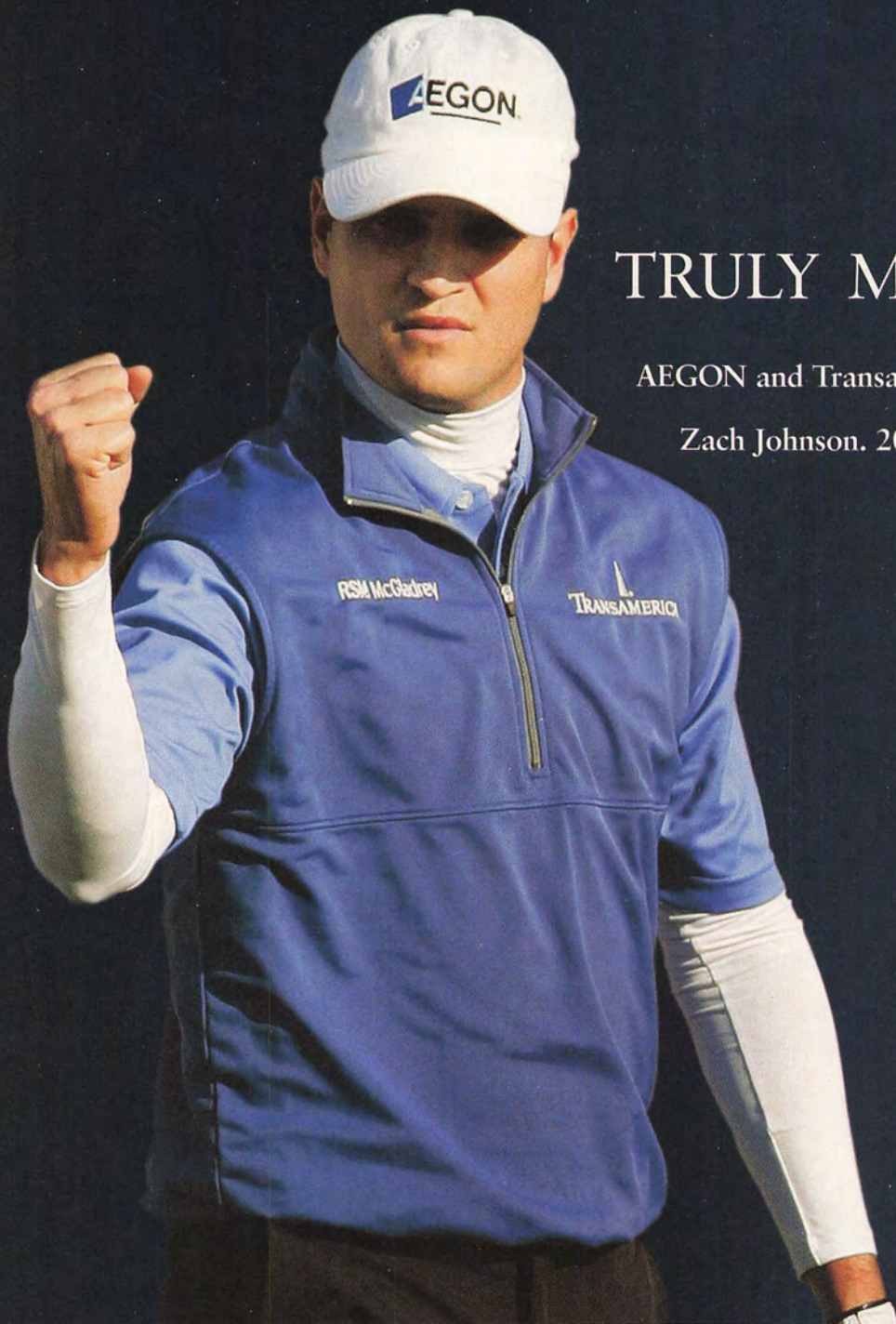
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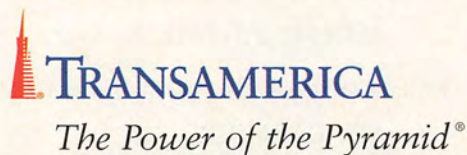




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OL BARRY RICHARDSON, CLEMSON
6'7" 320 SENIOR

Mammoth fourth-year starter a first-team All-ACC pick in '06.

OL JEREMY ZUTTAH, RUTGERS
6'4" 290 SENIOR

Returning All-Big East selection strong at right tackle for Knights.

K ART CARMODY, LOUISVILLE
5'8" 165 SENIOR

Carmody won the 2006 Groza Award as the nation's best kicker.

KR MARCUS THIGPEN, INDIANA
5'9" 190 JUNIOR

Led the nation in KO returns (30.1 yards) and scored three TDs.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL QUENTIN GROVES, AUBURN
6'3" 254 SENIOR

Tied for third in the SEC with 9.5 sacks as a junior.

DL GLENN DORSEY, LSU
6'2" 299 SENIOR

Monster in the middle of the Tigers' ferocious defensive line.

DL ERIC FOSTER, RUTGERS
6'2" 265 SENIOR

Earned All-America honors after racking up 51 tackles and six sacks.

DL TOMMY BLAKE, TCU
6'3" 252 SENIOR

Defensive end recorded 16.5 tackles for a loss in 2006.

LB DAN CONNOR, PENN STATE
6'3" 233 SENIOR

Has moved from the outside to the middle to replace Paul Posluszny.

LB JAMES LAURINAITIS, OHIO STATE
6'3" 244 JUNIOR

All-American will keep the Buckeyes' defense humming.

LB REY MAUALUGA, USC
6'3" 250 JUNIOR

Dominated in the middle of the Trojans' defense.

CB BRANDON FLOWERS, VIRGINIA TECH
5'10" 190 JUNIOR

Ranked third in nation with 21 passes defended.

CB MALCOLM JENKINS, OHIO STATE
6'1" 202 JUNIOR

First-team All-Big Ten pick in 2006 will keep Buckeye secondary strong.

S TAYLOR MAYS, USC
6'4" 225 SOPHOMORE

Had 62 tackles, three pass thefts as a freshman.

S TOM ZBIKOWSKI, NOTRE DAME
6'0" 210 SENIOR

Quarterback of the Irish secondary poised for a big senior season.

P DURANT BROOKS, GEORGIA TECH
6'0" 202 SENIOR

Averaged an amazing 45.5 yards per punt with a 40.6 net.

PR DESEAN JACKSON, CALIFORNIA
6'0" 166 JUNIOR

Electrifying return man scored four TDs on special teams.



SECOND TEAM

QUARTERBACK

Colt Brennan 6'3" 196 Sr. Hawaii

RUNNING BACKS

Steve Slaton 5'10" 195 Jr. West Virginia

Mike Hart 5'9" 196 Sr. Michigan

WIDE RECEIVERS

Jarett Dillard 5'11" 180 Jr. Rice

Harry Douglas 5'11" 170 Sr. Louisville

THIRD TEAM

QUARTERBACK

Brian Brohm 6'4" 224 Sr. Louisville

RUNNING BACKS

Ian Johnson 5'11" 194 Jr. Boise State

Jamaal Charles 6'1" 200 Jr. Texas

WIDE RECEIVERS

Adarius Bowman 6'4" 220 Sr. Oklahoma State

Davone Bess 5'10" 195 Jr. Hawaii



(l to r) Colt Brennan, Jonathan Hefney, Brian Brohm and Kenny Phillips

TIGHT END

Travis Beckum 6'4" 221 Jr. Wisconsin

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

George Bussey 6'4" 298 Jr. Louisville

Ryan Clady 6'6" 319 Jr. Boise State

John Greco 6'5" 318 Sr. Toledo

Jeremy Perry 6'2" 313 Jr. Oregon State

Alex Mack (C) 6'5" 300 Jr. California

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Calais Campbell 6'8" 282 Jr. Miami

Bruce Davis 6'3" 237 Sr. UCLA

Sedrick Ellis 6'1" 295 Sr. USC

Derrick Harvey 6'4" 245 Jr. Florida

LINEBACKERS

Vince Hall 6'0" 240 Sr. Virginia Tech

Keith Rivers 6'3" 230 Sr. USC

Bo Ruud 6'3" 235 Sr. Nebraska

CORNERBACKS

Simeon Castille 6'1" 189 Sr. Alabama

Dwight Lowery 6'1" 185 Sr. San Jose State

SAFETIES

Jonathan Hefney 5'9" 185 Sr. Tennessee

Eric Wicks 6'1" 200 Sr. West Virginia

SPECIALISTS

K Alexis Serna 5'8" 170 Sr. Oregon State

P Chris Miller 6'2" 205 Jr. Ball State

KR Darrell Blackman 5'10" 205 Sr. NC State

PR Sammie Stroughter 6'0" 183 Sr. Oregon State

TIGHT END

Martin Rucker 6'6" 255 Sr. Missouri

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Kirk Barton 6'6" 310 Sr. Ohio State

Adam Kraus 6'6" 296 Sr. Michigan

Phil Trautwein 6'6" 298 Sr. Florida

Chris Williams 6'6" 315 Sr. Vanderbilt

John Sullivan (C) 6'4" 290 Sr. Notre Dame

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Keilen Dykes 6'5" 295 Sr. West Virginia

Lawrence Jackson 6'5" 265 Sr. USC

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Antoine Cason 6'0" 182 Sr. Arizona

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Kenny Phillips 6'2" 202 Jr. Miami

Jamal Lewis 6'0" 199 Sr. Georgia Tech

SPECIALISTS

K Brandon Coutu 6'0" 200 Sr. Georgia

P Britton Colquitt 6'3" 205 Jr. Tennessee

KR Damon Nickson 6'0" 177 Sr. Middle Tennessee

PR Jeremy Trimble 6'0" 219 Sr. Army

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by Mitchell Light

In a profession known for hirings and firings, it was an unusually busy offseason.

Air Force **TROY CALHOUN**

Previous Job: Offensive coordinator, Houston Texans

Pros: For someone who has only been a full-time coach for 12 seasons, Calhoun boasts a very impressive résumé. He has been an offensive coordinator both in the pros (Houston Texans, 2006) and college ranks ('97-00 Ohio University, '01-02 Wake Forest), and he has worked under two of the game's most respected coaches — Denver's Mike Shanahan and Wake Forest's Jim Grobe. In addition, Calhoun is an Air Force graduate who played under Fisher DeBerry in the late 1980s.

Cons: None.

Final analysis: Air Force is a unique coaching position, and it helps to have someone who understands the school — and its mission — running the program. But Calhoun was not hired simply because he played and coached at Air Force. He would have been an attractive candidate for any Division I-A school willing to take a chance on first-time head coach. Calhoun appears to be a perfect fit in Colorado Springs.

Alabama **NICK SABAN**

Previous Job: Head coach, Miami Dolphins

Pros: Saban has won at the highest level in the collegiate ranks, guiding LSU to a share of the national title in 2003. In five years in Baton Rouge, he went 28–12 in SEC play, and the Tigers won or shared the SEC West title three times and finished second twice. Saban is also an outstanding recruiter who routinely attracted top 10 classes to LSU.

Cons: While he experienced tremendous success during his time at LSU, Saban didn't exactly win big at Michigan State. He went 34–24–1 in five years in East Lansing but was a rather ordinary 25–22–1 prior to his breakout 1999 season. While Alabama is no doubt a better job, Michigan State is still a large state university with tremendous resources. It might be a bit of a concern to some Bama fans that Saban didn't win more — or win sooner — while at MSU. In addition, Saban is considered to be very difficult to work with and work for. And there's also the 'How long will he be here?' factor. Saban has held four head coaching posts in his career and has not stayed in one place longer than five years.

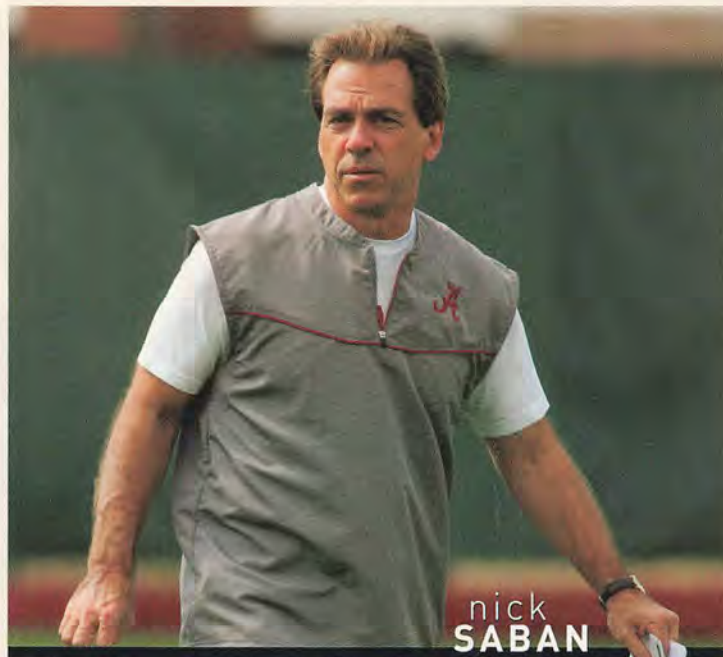
Final analysis: Saban arrives at Alabama with an enormous price tag — a reported \$4 million per year — and enormous expectations. If he wins big, no one will remember the effort and money it took to get him to Tuscaloosa. Embattled athletic director Mal Moore needed to hit a home run. It took him a while, but Moore managed to clear the fence. Saban should have Alabama back among the SEC's elite in a few seasons.

Arizona State **DENNIS ERICKSON**

Previous job: Head coach, Idaho

Pros: Erickson is a proven winner in the collegiate ranks who has a record of 148–65–1 in stops at Idaho, Wyoming, Washington State, Miami, Oregon State and Idaho (again). And he hasn't needed much time to turn things around. In four of his previous six stints as a college head coach, Erickson improved the school's win total in his first season on the job by at least two games. The two times he didn't produce a spike in wins were at Miami, where he inherited a team that went 11–1 and proceeded to win the national title, and Washington State, where he went 3–8 in his first season and 9–3 in his second. The man knows how to coach.

Cons: Erickson comes with some baggage. Miami was placed on probation for three years in December 1995 due to transgressions that



occurred during his controversial tenure. Fair or not, his teams have a reputation for being overly demonstrative and a bit too brash. Erickson's age could be a factor as well. He turned 60 in March and is the second-oldest coach in the Pac-10.

Final analysis: Arizona State athletic director Lisa Love desperately wanted to make a splash with this hire. Mission accomplished. Erickson is one of the game's most controversial coaches, but he is a winner who should make Arizona State football relevant once again. Will he compete for national titles? Highly unlikely, but the Sun Devils should be in the top 3 or 4 of the Pac-10 on a consistent basis under Erickson's watch.

Army **STAN BROCK**

Previous job: Offensive line coach, Army

Pros: Brock was a member of Bobby Ross' staff the past three seasons, so he is familiar with the unique circumstances he will face as the head coach at Army. And while he is relatively new to the collegiate coaching ranks — three years, all at Army — he does have five years of head coaching experience in the Arena League. Brock played 16 years in the NFL (with the Chargers and Saints) and should command respect from his team.

Cons: Brock has only been back in the collegiate football ranks for three years, serving as Army's offensive line coach. This lack of experience has to be a bit of a concern. You shouldn't put too much stock in Brock's record during his time in the Arena League, but it is worth noting that he went 20–44 (.313) in four-plus seasons as a head coach.

Final analysis: Army was once one of the elite programs in college football, but now it has to be considered one of the most difficult I-A jobs in the country. Both Navy (four straight winning seasons) and Air Force have proven that a military academy can survive in today's college football landscape, but Army has averaged only 2.4 wins over the past 10 seasons. Succeeding at West Point will be an enormous challenge for Brock and his coaching staff.

Boston College **JEFF JAGODZINSKI**

Previous job: Offensive coordinator, Green Bay Packers

Pros: Jagodzinski boasts an impressive résumé for someone who has never been a head coach on any level. He has served as an offensive coordinator in both the collegiate ranks (Boston College, 1997-98) and the NFL (Green Bay Packers, 2006). During his two years at Boston College, the Eagles' offense averaged more than 400 yards per game and allowed the fewest sacks in the Big East in both '97 and '98. And in his only season in Green Bay, the Packers improved their offensive production from 319.9 yards (18th in the NFL) in 2005 to 341.1 yards (ninth).

Cons: Jagodzinski has never been a head coach, but that obviously was not a concern to Boston College athletic director Gene DeFilippo, who could have easily hired away a successful coach from a league like the MAC.

Final analysis: Jagodzinski appears to be a nice fit at Boston College. He has strong ties to the school — something that was important to DeFilippo — and he has a track record of success. There will be a certain level of continuity from the Tom O'Brien era — which is a good thing. Jagodzinski worked for O'Brien for two years, and he has retained two coaches from the former staff, defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani and linebacker coach Bill McGovern. One of the new coaches is offensive coordinator Steve Logan, who had a very successful run as the head coach at East Carolina.

Central Michigan **BUTCH JONES**

Previous job: Wide receivers coach, West Virginia

Pros: Jones is a Michigan native who is very familiar with the Central Michigan program. Prior to moving on to West Virginia in 2005, Jones spent seven years on the CMU staff, working for three different coaches. He served as the Chips' offensive coordinator from 2001-03, and while the team struggled during that time (a total of five MAC wins), the offense made dramatic improvements under his watch. In 2000, prior to his promotion, CMU averaged 271.5 yards per game; in his three seasons, the Chips averaged 379.5, 372.3 and 370.7 yards per game.

Cons: Jones has never been a head coach on any level nor served as a coordinator at a major conference school.

Final analysis: The last time Central Michigan was in the market for a coach, the school opted for a proven head coach at the Division II level, Brian Kelly from Grand Valley State. This time, athletic director Dave Heeke has hired a highly respected assistant with ties to the CMU program. Kelly proved to be a great hire, and Jones has the good fortune of inheriting a program that is fresh off a MAC championship and Motor City Bowl victory. Everything is in place for him to succeed in Mt. Pleasant.

Cincinnati **BRIAN KELLY**

Previous job: Head coach, Central Michigan

Pros: Kelly has won big at both of his stops as a head coach. In 13 years at Division II Grand Valley State in Michigan, he won an amazing 76.7 percent of his games, including back-to-back national titles in 2002 and '03. He then moved on to Central Michigan, where he took a team from the bottom of the MAC East to a league title in three seasons. The 2006 Chips went 10-4 overall, 7-1 in the MAC and capped off the season with a 31-14 win over Middle Tennessee in the Motor City Bowl.

Cons: None.

Final analysis: Kelly was one of the most attractive head coaching candidates this offseason. Cincinnati, which is fighting to climb up the food chain in the Big East, was fortunate to land him. There is nothing in Kelly's track record that suggests he will not be successful with the Bearcats.

Florida International **MARIO CRISTOBAL**

Previous job: Offensive line coach, Miami

Pros: Cristobal is a Miami native who has spent all but a few years of his life in South Florida. While he is new to FIU, he knows the landscape of football in the area as well as anyone in the country. He's regarded as an outstanding recruiter as well. He served on Greg Schiano's staff at Rutgers for three years (2001-03) and was a big reason the Scarlet Knights enjoyed so much success recruiting South Florida.

Cons: Cristobal lacks experience. He has only been a full-time assistant for six years and has never been a coordinator.

Final analysis: FIU, which stumbled through an 0-12 season marred by the fight with Miami, was not in a position to hire an existing head coach from a successful program. The school has to take some chances, and hiring Cristobal, who will turn 37 during the first month of the season, is a bit of a risk. He has never had to lead anything more than an offensive line.



Idaho **ROBB AKEY**

Previous job: Defensive coordinator, Washington State

Pros: Akey has spent the past eight seasons at Washington State, which sits just about 10 miles west of Moscow across the state line. Thus, he is very familiar with the immediate area, and he understands the challenges that come with the Idaho coaching position. He is a Colorado native who grew up in the West, played in the West (Weber State) and has coached only in the West (Weber State, Northern Arizona, Washington State).

Cons: Akey's defenses at Washington State haven't exactly been the most formidable in the Pac-10. The Cougars did rank 19th in the nation in total defense in 2003, his first season as the coordinator, but they slumped to 53rd in 2004, 106th in '05 and 81st last year. This is not a good trend.

Final analysis: A year ago, the Vandals made a huge splash, luring the highly successful (and highly controversial) Dennis Erickson back to Moscow for his second tour of duty. This time around, Idaho failed to make national headlines, but the school believes it has found a long-term solution in Akey. The Vandals showed signs of life under Erickson, winning four games (the most since 2000), including three WAC games. It will be Akey's responsibility to continue this positive momentum.

Iowa State **GENE CHIZIK**

Previous job: Co-defensive coordinator, Texas

Pros: Chizik has been regarded as one of the most respected defensive coordinators in the nation over the past few years. In five seasons at BCS-level schools (three at Auburn, two at Texas), his defenses ranked in the top 10 in the nation three times and in the top 30 in the other two years. Chizik has been involved with some highly successful teams as well. During one stretch from 2003 through the first part of the '06 season, Chizik was part of an astounding 29 straight wins, including a 13-0 season at Auburn and a national championship campaign at Texas.

Cons: Chizik lacks head coaching experience, and it's always a bit risky for a BCS school to take a chance on someone who has never been the CEO of a program.

Final analysis: Dan McCarney did great work in Ames, building Iowa State into a consistent winner. But evidently it wasn't enough, and he was let go after slumping to a 4-8 record in 2006. The school has made it clear that seven-win seasons and minor bowls are not enough; the program wants to win at the highest level, and it believes Chizik is the right man at the right time. He appears to be the ideal head coach — strong pedigree, great energy, etc. — but he might have a tough time reaching the lofty goals the school has set for itself.



Louisiana Tech **DEREK DOOLEY**

Previous job: Tight ends coach, Miami Dolphins

Pros: Dooley comes from a football family. His father is Vince Dooley, the legendary Georgia coach, and his uncle is Bill Dooley, who won 162 games at North Carolina, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. He has also coached under one of the most respected (though not one of the most beloved) coaches in the game, Nick Saban. Dooley was a member of Saban's staff that won a share of the 2003 national title while at LSU. He has also spent two years coaching in the NFL, which can only help out on the recruiting trail.

Cons: Dooley wasn't the most seasoned of head coaching candidates on the market this past offseason. He has only been a full-time assistant coach for 10 seasons and has never

coordinated an offense or defense on any level.

Final analysis: Dooley has outstanding bloodlines and is a very bright guy. He is a Georgia law school graduate, and he actually practiced law for two years before beginning his coaching career. A knowledge of the legal system, however, doesn't make you a successful head coach. Louisiana Tech has decent football tradition, but the Bulldogs are in a bit of a rut, having enjoyed only two winning seasons since 1999. Dooley is inheriting a team that went 1-7 in the WAC and ranked last in the nation in both scoring defense and total defense. It will be quite a challenge.

Louisville **STEVE KRAGTHORPE**

Previous job: Head coach, Tulsa

Pros: Kragthorpe's teams at Tulsa won a lot of games and scored a lot of points — two things that made him an attractive candidate for Louisville. He inherited a Tulsa program that won a total of two games in the two years prior to his arrival. The 2002 Golden Hurricane tied a school record with 11 losses and averaged only 19.4 points per game. Kragthorpe's first team won eight games, tied for second in the WAC, and, most impressive, increased its scoring output to 33.3 points per game. Prior to taking over at Tulsa, Kragthorpe spent two years as the quarterbacks coach with the Buffalo Bills and four years on the staff at Texas A&M (three as the offensive coordinator, one as the receivers coach).

Cons: None. It's very difficult to punch any holes in Kragthorpe's résumé.

Final analysis: Kragthorpe was introduced as the head coach at Louisville less than 24 hours after Bobby Petrino left Louisville for the Atlanta Falcons. It seems to be a perfect fit: Kragthorpe is an offensive-minded coach with a proven track record. Expect Louisville to remain in the upper echelon of the Big East for the next decade.

Miami **RANDY SHANNON**

Previous job: Defensive coordinator, Miami

Pros: Shannon has done a tremendous job in his six seasons as the Hurricanes' defensive coordinator. The program has slipped in recent years — losing a combined 12 games in the past three seasons — but the defense has been dominant, ranking no worse than ninth in the nation in any single season. Shannon is a Miami native and a Miami graduate who has spent his entire coaching career in South Florida — 13 years at Miami and three with the Dolphins.

Cons: Shannon lacks experience as a head coach. And while that will

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not prevent him being successful at Miami, the school recently fired Larry Coker, who also had never served as a head coach on any level before being elevated to the top spot in Coral Gables.

Final analysis: Though there are some issues at Miami — facilities, fan support (at times), etc. — this is still one of the most coveted jobs in the nation. Four of the previous five coaches won a national title, including Coker. Miami could have lured away a successful coach from another Division I program, but the school opted to stay in the family and give the popular Shannon a shot at returning his alma mater to the top of the college football world.

Michigan State **MARK DANTONIO**

Previous job: Head coach, Cincinnati

Pros: If you could build the ideal résumé to become a head coach in the Big Ten, it would look a lot like Dantonio's — six years as a position coach in the league (Michigan State), three years as a defensive coordinator in the league (Ohio State) and three years as a head coach at a lower-level BCS school (Cincinnati). And, most important, he has succeeded at every stop. While Dantonio's overall record at Cincinnati (18-17) was nothing special, he led the Bearcats to a winning record in two of his three seasons, and he guided UC to a 4-3 record in Big East play in 2006, the school's second season in the league.

Cons: Dantonio is a solid coach with a strong pedigree, but he doesn't exactly rate too high on the 'wow' factor. Recruiting could be a concern, too. Dantonio's only two complete recruiting classes at Cincinnati were both ranked last in the Big East by Scout.com. Michigan State has a better product to sell, and the Big Ten is a better league, but Spartan fans can't be thrilled with their new coach's brief track record on the recruiting trail.

Final analysis: Michigan State seemingly has everything in place to win at a high level, but the Spartans, for whatever reason, have never been able to sustain success. Is Dantonio the man to change the program's fortunes? Possibly, but he doesn't arrive in East Lansing with the reputation of Nick Saban or the track record of John L. Smith, who combined to post a rather ordinary 56-50-1 record during their time with the Spartans. Michigan State will always be competitive; Dantonio's charge is to transform the program into a perennial Big Ten contender.

Minnesota **TIM BREWSTER**

Previous job: Tight ends coach, Denver Broncos

Pros: Brewster appears to be everything that previous Gopher coach Glen Mason was not — and that was more than enough for Minnesota athletic director Joel Maturi. Brewster is a high-energy guy who will be eager to sell the program to the community, and, more important, he is considered to be a top-flight recruiter. He has a combined 13 years of experience at BCS conference schools (nine at North Carolina, four at Texas) and has also coached in the NFL for five years with two different teams. Brewster also happens to have two very talented sons; Clint, a quarterback, signed with Minnesota in February after previously committing to Illinois, and Nolan, a safety, is a high school junior with offers from USC, LSU, Texas, Florida, Illinois, UCLA and Minnesota.

Cons: There isn't much variety on Brewster's résumé. He has coached nothing but tight ends pretty much his entire career in both the collegiate ranks and the NFL. He's never been an offensive coordinator and never coached another position.

Final analysis: Mason went 64-57 in 10 years at Minnesota and took the Gophers to seven bowl games. But he wasn't exactly beloved by the fans or the media in the Twin Cities. Attendance wasn't great — eighth in the Big Ten (52,207) — and there was a feeling that the program had reached a plateau. Some will argue that Minnesota football will never be an upper-echelon Big Ten program. That might be true, but that doesn't mean the Gophers should settle for mediocrity. Brewster arrives in Minneapolis with a ton of energy — but with no track record as a head coach, it is very difficult to forecast whether that energy will translate into more wins.



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North Carolina BUTCH DAVIS**Previous job:** Head coach, Cleveland Browns

Pros: Davis was the most attractive head coaching candidate available this past offseason. In six seasons at Miami (1995-00), he posted a 51-20 record despite facing heavy NCAA sanctions (due to violations from the Dennis Erickson era) that cut 31 scholarships over several years. After slumping to 5-6 in 1997, Davis quickly rebuilt the Hurricanes into a national power, winning nine games in 1998 and '99 and ending his tenure at UM with an 11-1 record and No. 2 national ranking in '00. The following season, first-year coach Larry Coker won the national championship with the players Davis recruited. Davis also has experience in the NFL, serving as the head coach in Cleveland for three-plus years.

Cons: None.

Final analysis: Mack Brown proved that you can win at North Carolina. He guided the Heels to three seasons of 10 or more wins in the mid-'90s, culminating with an 11-1 record in 1997 (though Brown is only credited for a 10-1 mark). Now, after more than a decade of mediocrity (at best), the program has been rescued by Davis, who believes he can compete for national championships in Chapel Hill. That is a lofty goal, but there is no reason to believe that Carolina football will not return to national prominence in the next several years.

North Carolina State TOM O'BRIEN**Previous job:** Head coach, Boston College

Pros: He's a winner. O'Brien compiled a stellar 75-45 (.625) record in 10 years at Boston College, including a 67-31 (.683) mark over the past eight seasons. The Eagles made a smooth transition from the Big East to the more difficult ACC under O'Brien's watch, recording back-to-back records of 5-3 in league play in 2005 and '06. And while Boston College is known for its defense and clock-controlling rushing attack, the Eagles did lead the ACC in total offense in 2005 and ranked second to Clemson in '06.

Cons: He's not Butch Davis. Both NC State and rival North Carolina were searching for a head coach this offseason, and while State found itself a gem in O'Brien, UNC stole the national headlines by convincing Davis, the most sought-after 'free agent' coach, to take over in Chapel Hill.

Final analysis: Chuck Amato did some good things in Raleigh, but the Wolfpack faithful had grown a bit tired of his shtick — and his inability to win enough games. Enter O'Brien, who lacks Amato's flamboyance but has proven that he can consistently field a winning team. Competing for championships in the new-and-improved ACC will be a challenge, but NC State should be in the hunt on a regular basis under O'Brien's watch.

North Texas TODD DODGE**Previous job:** Head coach, Carroll (Texas) High School

Pros: Dodge has been one of the most highly regarded high school coaches in the nation over the past decade. In seven seasons at Carroll High in Southlake, Texas, Dodge compiled a 98-11 record, including an astounding 79-1 mark (with four state titles) in the five years since Carroll made the move to the Class 5A ranks. In addition, Dodge, a former starting quarterback at Texas, has coached the last five Texas 5A players of the year. He has ties to North Texas, having served as the offensive coordinator for the Mean Green in 1992 and '93.

Cons: Dodge has not coached in the collegiate ranks since the early 1990s. And he's not easing into the transition as a position coach (like current Houston coach Art Briles did with Texas Tech); he's now the CEO of North Texas football.

Final analysis: North Texas is taking a risk hiring a coach straight from high school. But it's a risk worth taking. Realistically, a Sun Belt team cannot lure a current Division I-A head coach, so instead of hiring a nondescript coordinator or position coach, the Mean Green opted to take a chance on one of the most successful high school coaches in the nation. There will be an adjustment period for Dodge and his staff, but North Texas likely will be rewarded for this hire in the coming seasons.

Rice DAVID BAILIFF**Previous job:** Head coach, Texas State

Pros: Bailiff has experienced success as a head coach, recording a 21-15 record in three seasons at Division I-AA Texas State. In 2005, he guided the Bobcats to an 11-3 season that included the school's first Southland Conference title and an appearance in the I-AA semifinals. Bailiff is a defensive coach, but Texas State led the Southland in total offense in both 2005 and '06. Bailiff has experience at the I-A level as well. He was on the TCU staff for three years, serving as the Horned Frogs' defensive line coach in 2001 and defensive coordinator in '02 and '03. During his three seasons in Fort Worth, TCU ranked 24th, 1st and 38th in the country in total defense.

Cons: Bailiff's teams only recorded a winning record in one of his three seasons at Texas State. The run to the Southland title was sandwiched between two 5-6 seasons.

Final analysis: The Rice job became much more attractive after former coach Todd Graham proved that the Owls can be competitive in the re-configured Conference USA. Bailiff is a coach with a solid résumé and deep Texas roots — two qualities that made him a perfect choice to take over at Rice.

**Stanford JIM HARBAUGH****Previous job:** Head coach, University of San Diego

Pros: Harbaugh won big at the Division I-AA level, guiding the University of San Diego to a 29-6 record in three years, including a 22-2 mark and two Pioneer League titles over the past two seasons. His 2006 club ranked first in I-AA in passing offense, total offense and scoring offense and ranked second in total defense. Harbaugh also arrives at the Farm with solid name recognition, having played in the NFL for five teams over 15 seasons (1987-2001). He was a decorated quarterback at Michigan, earning Big Ten Player of the Year honors as a senior in 1986. He also comes from a coaching family; his dad Jack was a coach for 41 years, including 14 as the head coach at Western Kentucky, where Jim served as an unpaid assistant and offensive consultant from 1994-2001; and his brother John is currently the special teams coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Cons: Harbaugh has never coached Division I-A football in any capacity. A relative newcomer to the head coaching ranks, Harbaugh will be facing off against some quality coaches in the Pac-10, including two with national titles on their résumés — USC's Pete Carroll and Arizona State's Dennis Erickson.

Final analysis: Stanford, which is on its fourth head coach since 2001, desperately needs some stability. The administration had a quick hook with both Buddy Teevens (three years) and Walt Harris (two years). Harbaugh, however, was hand-picked by new athletic director Bob Bowlsby and figures to have all the time he needs to rebuild the program.

Tulane **BOB TOLEDO**

Previous job: Offensive coordinator, New Mexico

Pros: Toledo has seven years of experience as a head coach at a BCS conference school. He compiled a 49–32 record from 1996–2002 at UCLA, highlighted by back-to-back Pac-10 titles in 1997 and '98. In '98, the Bruins climbed to second in the national rankings late in the season thanks largely to an offensive attack that averaged over 40 points per game. Toledo also has 13 years of experience as an offensive coordinator at major-conference schools — two at UCLA, five at Texas A&M and six at Oregon.

Cons: Toledo was out of coaching for three seasons before his friend, New Mexico coach Rocky Long, lured him out of retirement. And he didn't exactly enjoy a banner season as the Lobos' offensive coordinator. There were some key injuries — starting quarterback Kole McKamey played in two games — but the UNM offense regressed from 397.4 yards per game (43rd in the nation) in 2005 to 316.9 (83rd) in '06. Toledo also struggled in his four-year stint as the head coach at the University of the Pacific, compiling a 14–30 record from 1979–82. Age has also to be a bit of a concern; Toledo turned 61 in March, and you have to question how many years he can devote to Tulane football.

Final analysis: There seem to be more cons than pros for Toledo, but this was a very good hire for Tulane. The program needs a jolt of positive energy, and the upbeat Toledo could be the right guy at the right time for the Green Wave. He will not be a long-term solution, but don't be surprised if Tulane makes a move in the wide-open Conference USA.

Tulsa **TODD GRAHAM**

Previous job: Head coach, Rice

Pros: Graham did an outstanding job in his only year at Rice, leading to the Owls to their first winning season since 2001 and their first bowl game since 1961. Graham has a defensive background, but Rice made dramatic improvements on the offensive side of the ball last year. Making the transition from an option offense to a spread attack, the Owls ranked 41st in the nation in scoring (86th in 2005), 58th in total offense (84th in '05) and, most impressive, 47th in passing (117th in '05). Graham is very familiar with the Tulsa program,

having served as the Golden Hurricane's defensive coordinator from 2003–05. Tulsa went 21–17 in his three years working under Steve Kragthorpe; the program won a combined two games the two years prior to the new staff's arrival.

Cons: Graham rubbed some people (mostly Rice fans) the wrong way when he bolted for a new gig just days after signing a new long-term contract with Rice. Can Golden Hurricane fans ever trust their new coach when he professes his happiness at Tulsa?

Final analysis: Graham has only been a head coach for one year, but he is clearly a guy who knows what he is doing. After working wonders at Rice, he now just has to maintain what Kragthorpe built at Tulsa. The Golden Hurricane have emerged as one of the top programs in Conference USA, and they should continue to compete for league titles under Graham's watch.

UAB **NEIL CALLAWAY**

Previous job: Offensive coordinator, Georgia

Pros: Callaway is a seasoned assistant with 13 years of experience as an offensive coordinator, including nine years in the SEC. He has played an integral role in Georgia's recent success; the Dawgs are 61–17 with two SEC titles and four top-10 finishes since Callaway arrived in Athens with head coach Mark Richt.

Cons: While Callaway has done a solid job at Georgia working with the offensive line, it is hard to credit him for the Bulldogs' offensive prowess. Callaway has the title of offensive coordinator, but Richt has been the coach calling the plays. Age is also a bit of a concern; Callaway is 51 and has been a coordinator for 13 years. Why hasn't he been a stronger candidate for other head coaching positions?

Final analysis: Callaway was far from the most exciting hire during the offseason. UAB made a play for former LSU and current Florida State offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher, and highly regarded Hoover (Ala.) High School coach Rush Probst was in the mix as well. But in the end, UAB settled for Callaway, a career assistant who finally gets an opportunity to run his own program.



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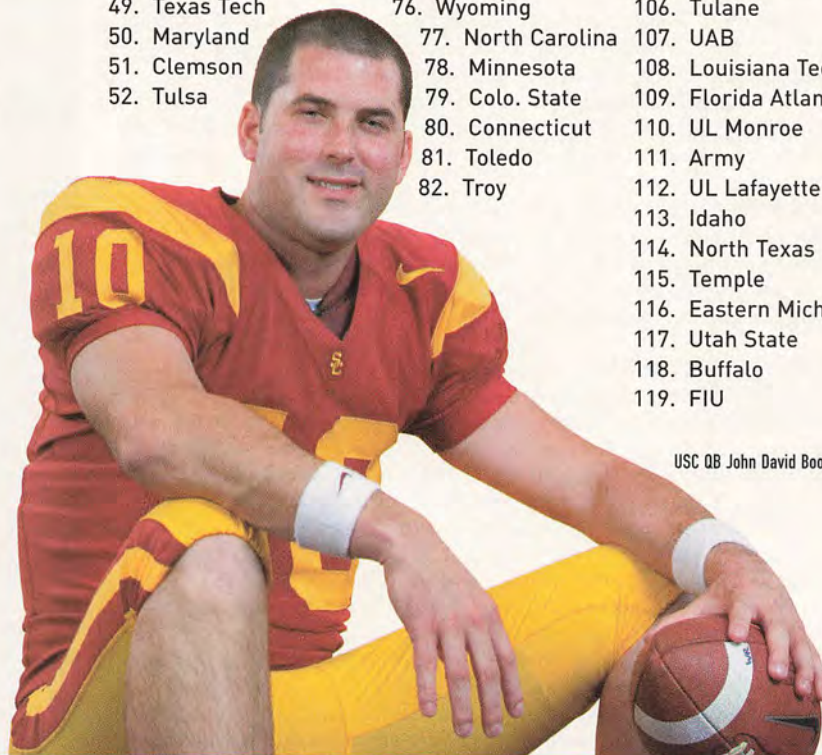


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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	MATT RYAN	6'5"	218	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
RB	TASHARD CHOICE	6'1"	205	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
RB	JAMES DAVIS	5'11"	205	JR.	CLEMSON
WR	GREG CARR	6'5"	212	JR.	FLORIDA STATE
WR	DARRIUS HEYWARD-BEY	6'2"	206	SO.	MARYLAND
TE	ANTHONY HILL	6'6"	265	SR.	NC STATE
C	STEVE JUSTICE	6'4"	284	SR.	WAKE FOREST
OL	DUANE BROWN	6'5"	290	SR.	VIRGINIA TECH
OL	ANDREW GARDNER	6'6"	298	JR.	GEORGIA TECH
OL	ANDREW CRUMMEY	6'5"	301	SR.	MARYLAND
OL	BARRY RICHARDSON	6'7"	320	SR.	CLEMSON

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	CALAIS CAMPBELL	6'8"	282	JR.	MIAMI
DL	ANDRE FLUELLEN	6'4"	286	SR.	FLORIDA STATE
DL	CHRIS LONG	6'4"	284	SR.	VIRGINIA
DL	B.J. RAJI	6'1"	340	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
LB	VINCE HALL	6'0"	240	SR.	VIRGINIA TECH
LB	ERIN HENDERSON	6'3"	236	JR.	MARYLAND
LB	PHILIP WHEELER	6'2"	230	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
CB	TONY CARTER	5'9"	160	JR.	FLORIDA STATE
CB	BRANDON FLOWERS	5'10"	190	JR.	VIRGINIA TECH
S	JAMAL LEWIS	6'0"	199	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
S	KENNY PHILLIPS	6'2"	202	JR.	MIAMI

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	SAM SWANK	6'2"	206	JR.	WAKE FOREST
P	DURANT BROOKS	6'1"	202	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
KR	DARRELL BLACKMAN	5'10"	205	SR.	NC STATE
PR	EDDIE ROYAL	5'10"	181	SR.	VIRGINIA TECH

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	RILEY SKINNER	6'1"	200	SO.	WAKE FOREST
RB	BRANDEN ORE	5'11"	202	JR.	VIRGINIA TECH
RB	C.J. SPILLER	5'11"	190	SO.	CLEMSON
WR	KEVIN CHALLENGER	5'8"	178	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
WR	ERON RILEY	6'3"	200	JR.	DUKE
TE	JOEY HAYNOS	6'8"	260	SR.	MARYLAND
C	KEVIN TUMINELLO	6'4"	292	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
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DL	MARTREL BROWN	6'2"	290	SR.	NC STATE
DL	VINCE OGHOBAAASE	6'6"	310	SO.	DUKE
DL	ADAMM OLIVER	6'4"	270	SR.	GEORGIA TECH
LB	XAVIER ADIBI	6'2"	221	SR.	VIRGINIA TECH
LB	JOLONN DUNBAR	6'0"	233	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
LB	MICHAEL TAVILILI	5'11"	235	JR.	DUKE
CB	ALPHONSO SMITH	5'9"	191	JR.	WAKE FOREST
CB	DEJUAN TRIBBLE	5'9"	190	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
S	MYRON ROLLE	6'2"	218	SO.	FLORIDA STATE
S	JAMIE SILVA	5'11"	208	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	CONNOR BARTH	6'1"	190	SR.	NORTH CAROLINA
P	JOHNNY AYERS	6'0"	186	SR.	BOSTON COLLEGE
KR	JEFF SMITH	5'9"	190	SO.	BOSTON COLLEGE
PR	BRANDON TATE	6'1"	190	JR.	NORTH CAROLINA

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOSTON COLLEGE	1	5	8	5	5	3	8
CLEMSON	12	1	7	10	6	5	5
DUKE	7	9	11	9	10	11	12
FLORIDA STATE	2	8	4	6	1	4	3
GEORGIA TECH	8	4	9	3	2	2	4
MARYLAND	11	3	3	2	11	8	10
MIAMI	4	7	2	4	7	9	2
NORTH CAROLINA	10	12	10	12	12	12	11
NC STATE	9	2	5	11	4	10	7
VIRGINIA	5	11	12	8	3	7	9
VIRGINIA TECH	6	6	1	7	8	1	1
WAKE FOREST	3	10	6	1	9	6	6

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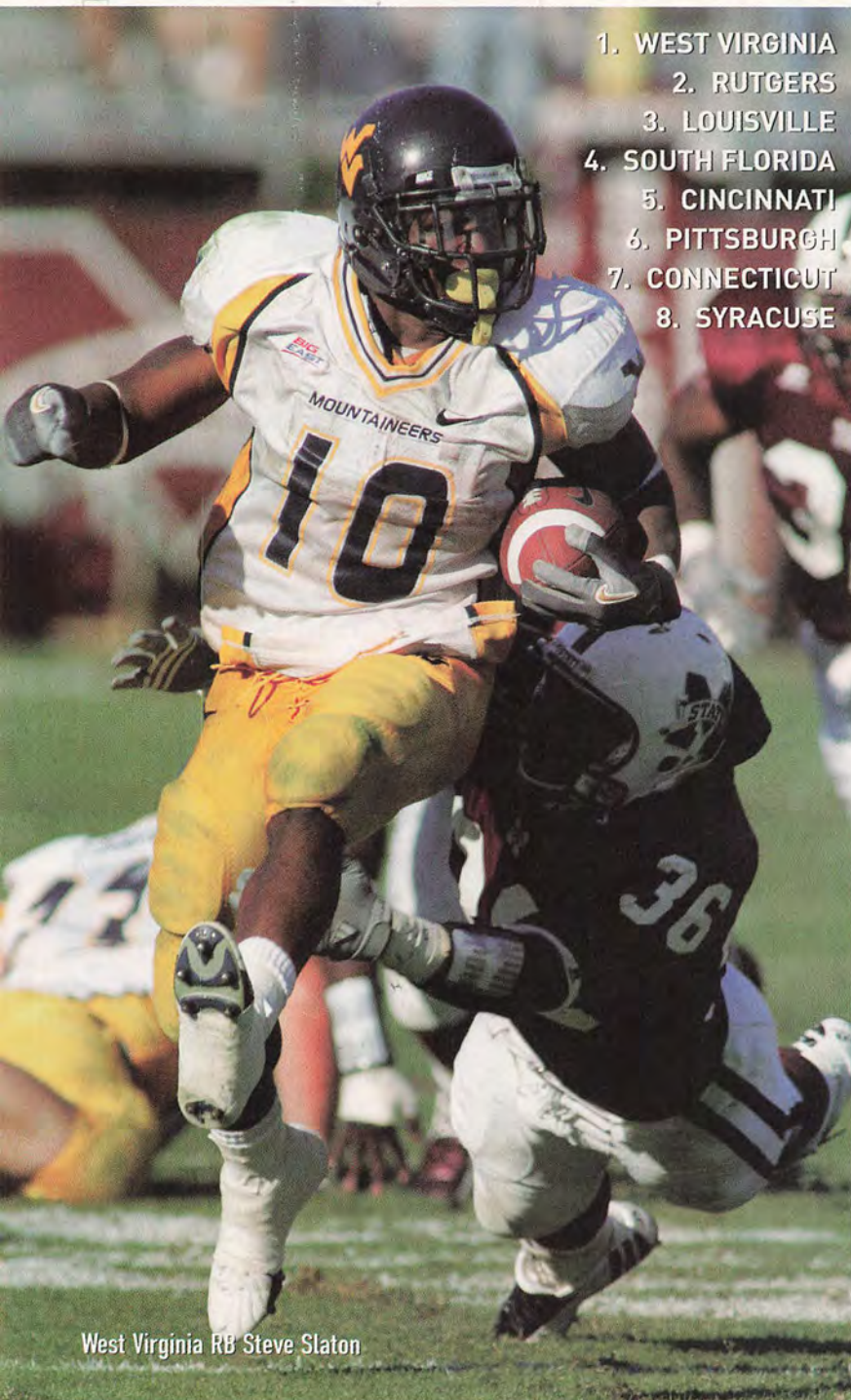
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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	BRIAN BROHM	6'4"	226	SR.	LOUISVILLE
RB	RAY RICE	5'9"	200	JR.	RUTGERS
RB	STEVE SLATON	5'10"	195	JR.	WEST VIRGINIA
WR	HARRY DOUGLAS	5'11"	170	SR.	LOUISVILLE
WR	DEREK KINDER	6'1"	205	SR.	PITTSBURGH
TE	TOM FERRON	6'3"	244	JR.	SYRACUSE
C	ERIC WOOD	6'4"	301	JR.	LOUISVILLE
OL	GEORGE BUSSEY	6'4"	298	JR.	LOUISVILLE
OL	PEDRO SOSA	6'5"	290	SR.	RUTGERS
OL	RYAN STANCHEK	6'4"	295	JR.	WEST VIRGINIA
OL	JEREMY ZUTTAH	6'4"	290	SR.	RUTGERS

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	TERRILL BYRD	6'1"	285	JR.	CINCINNATI
DL	KEILEN DYKES	6'5"	295	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA
DL	ERIC FOSTER	6'2"	265	SR.	RUTGERS
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LB	MALIK JACKSON	6'2"	231	SR.	LOUISVILLE
LB	DANNY LANSANAH	6'0"	248	SR.	CONNECTICUT
LB	BEN MOFFITT	6'2"	240	SR.	SOUTH FLORIDA
CB	MIKE MICKENS	6'0"	165	JR.	CINCINNATI
CB	TRAE WILLIAMS	5'10"	185	SR.	SOUTH FLORIDA
S	COURTNEY GREENE	6'1"	205	JR.	RUTGERS
S	ERIC WICKS	6'1"	200	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	ART CARMODY	5'9"	165	SR.	LOUISVILLE
P	PAT MCAFFEE	6'1"	210	JR.	WEST VIRGINIA
KR	LOWELL ROBINSON	6'0"	195	SR.	PITTSBURGH
PR	LARRY TAYLOR	5'6"	173	SR.	CONNECTICUT

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	PAT WHITE	6'2"	185	JR.	WEST VIRGINIA
RB	DONALD BROWN	5'11"	214	SO.	CONNECTICUT
RB	OWEN SCHMITT	6'3"	250	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA
WR	DARIUS REYNAUD	5'10"	205	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA
WR	MARIO URRUTIA	6'6"	228	JR.	LOUISVILLE
TE	GARY BARNIDGE	6'6"	234	SR.	LOUISVILLE
C	NICK CAPOGNA	6'3"	275	SR.	SOUTH FLORIDA
OL	TREVOR CANFIELD	6'5"	300	JR.	CINCINNATI
OL	MARC DILE	6'4"	305	JR.	SOUTH FLORIDA
OL	JAKE FIGNER	6'5"	300	JR.	WEST VIRGINIA
OL	MIKE MCGLYNN	6'5"	315	SR.	PITTSBURGH

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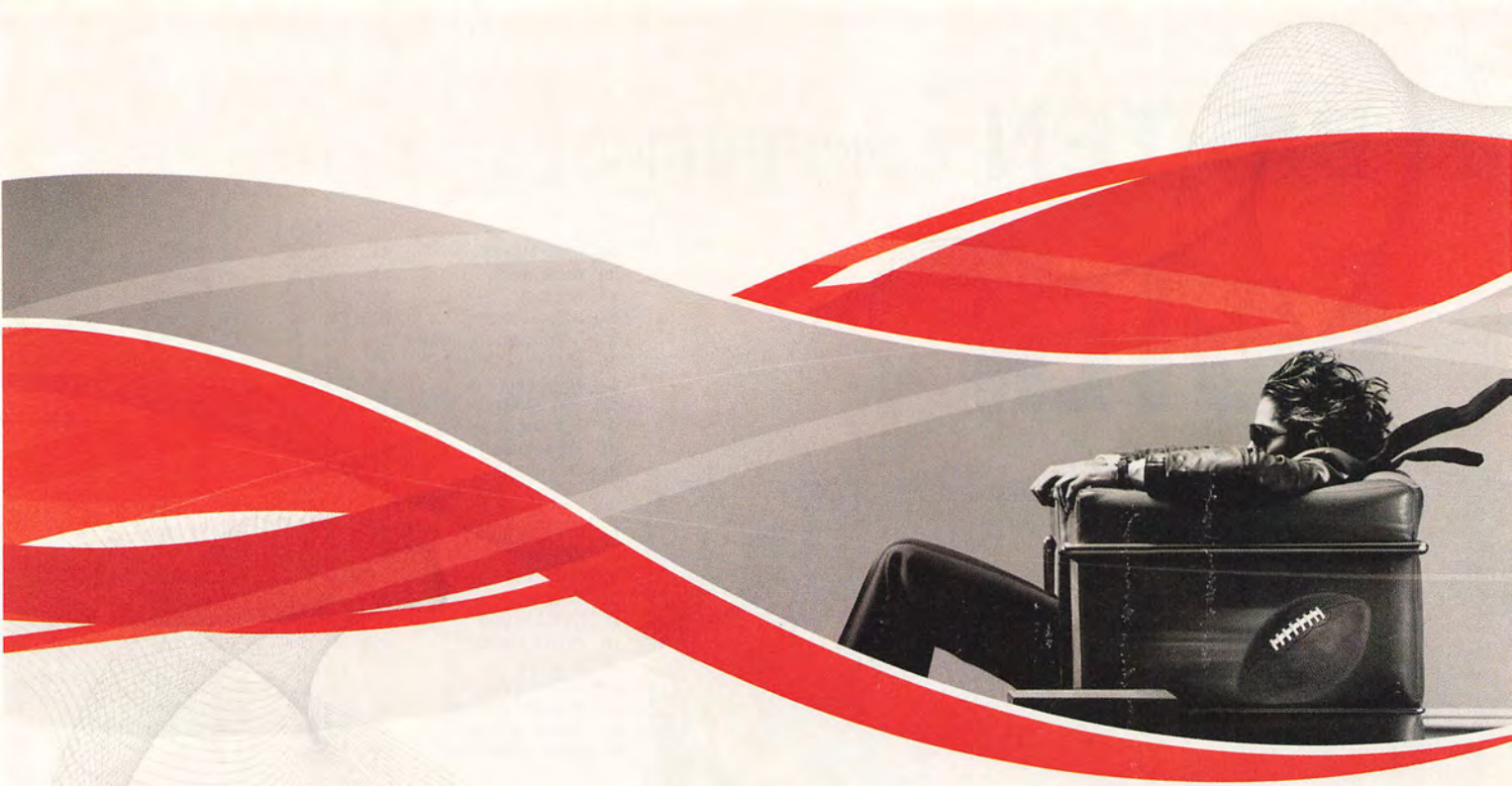
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LB	LAMAR MYLES	6'0"	220	JR.	LOUISVILLE
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K	PATRICK SHADLE	5'8"	203	JR.	SYRACUSE
P	JUSTIN TEACHEY	5'11"	170	JR.	SOUTH FLORIDA
KR	DARIUS REYNAUD	5'10"	205	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA
PR	VAUGHN RIVERS	5'9"	170	SR.	WEST VIRGINIA

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	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
CINCINNATI	6	6	6	6	4	2	4
CONNECTICUT	5	4	8	8	8	6	6
LOUISVILLE	1	3	1	2	2	1	3
PITTSBURGH	7	5	2	4	7	8	7
RUTGERS	4	2	3	1	1	5	1
SOUTH FLORIDA	3	7	5	5	5	4	2
SYRACUSE	8	8	7	7	6	7	8
WEST VIRGINIA	2	1	4	3	3	3	5



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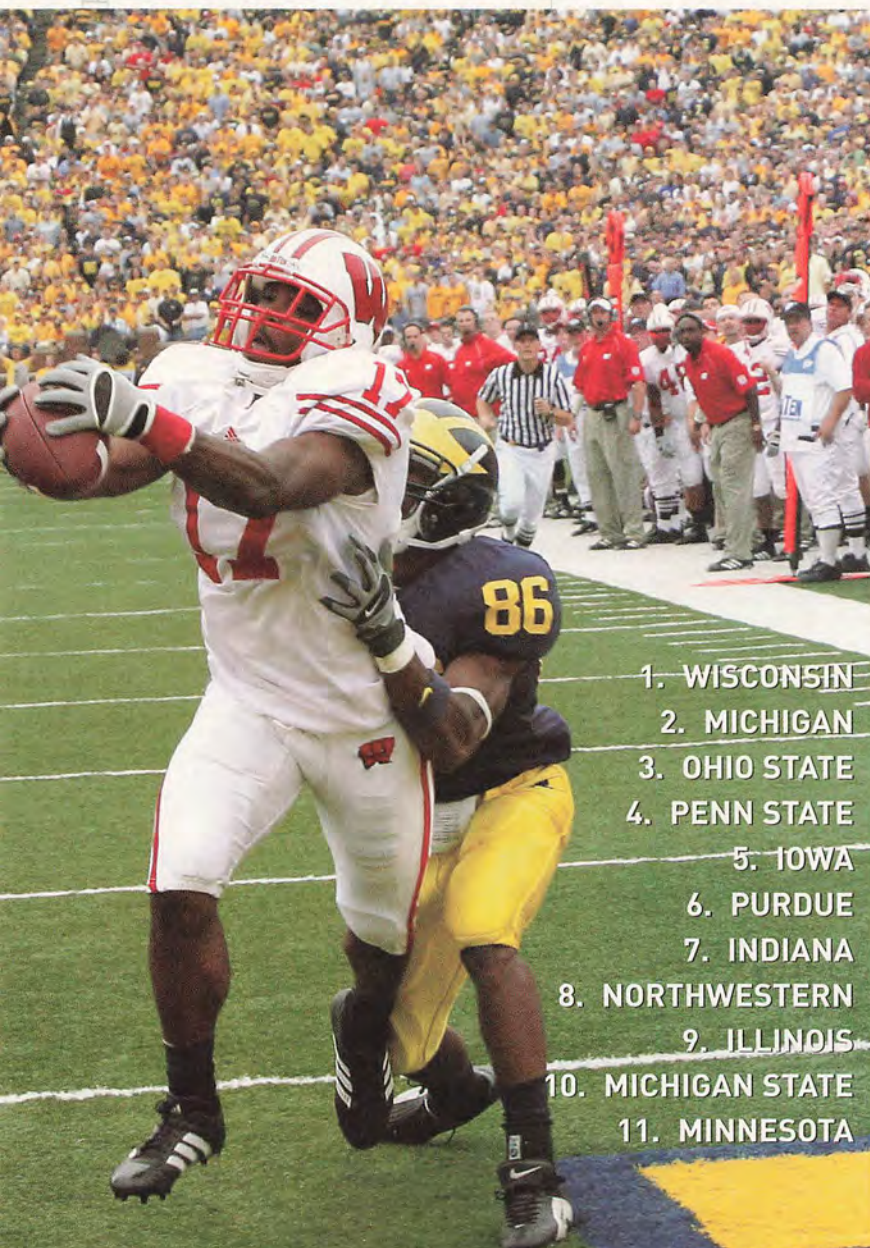
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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	CHAD HENNE	6'2"	224	SR.	MICHIGAN
RB	MIKE HART	5'9"	196	SR.	MICHIGAN
RB	P.J. HILL	5'11"	222	SO.	WISCONSIN
WR	DORIEN BRYANT	5'10"	175	JR.	PURDUE
WR	MARIO MANNINGHAM	6'0"	181	JR.	MICHIGAN
TE	TRAVIS BECKUM	6'4"	221	JR.	WISCONSIN
C	TONY BRINKHAUS	6'3"	295	SR.	MINNESOTA
OL	KIRK BARTON	6'6"	310	SR.	OHIO STATE
OL	JORDAN GRIMES	6'3"	325	SR.	PURDUE
OL	ADAM KRAUS	6'6"	296	SR.	MICHIGAN
OL	JAKE LONG	6'7"	313	SR.	MICHIGAN

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

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CB	MALCOM JENKINS	6'1"	202	JR.	OHIO STATE
S	JAMAR ADAMS	6'2"	212	SR.	MICHIGAN
S	KEVIN MITCHELL	6'0"	200	SR.	ILLINOIS

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	TAYLOR MEHLHAFF	5'11"	185	SR.	WISCONSIN
P	JARED ARMSTRONG	6'3"	234	SR.	PURDUE
KR	MARCUS THIGPEN	5'9"	182	JR.	INDIANA
PR	TRACY PORTER	5'11"	181	SR.	INDIANA

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	ANTHONY MORELLI	6'4"	232	SR.	PENN STATE
RB	ALBERT YOUNG	5'10"	209	SR.	IOWA
RB	CHRIS WELLS	6'1"	225	SO.	OHIO STATE
WR	DEON BUTLER	5'10"	168	JR.	PENN STATE
WR	JAMES HARDY	6'7"	216	JR.	INDIANA
TE	ANDREW QUARLESS	6'5"	252	SO.	PENN STATE
C	RAFAEL EUBANKS	6'3"	288	SO.	IOWA
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OL	DACE RICHARDSON	6'6"	306	JR.	IOWA
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S	OTIS WILEY	6'2"	210	JR.	MICHIGAN STATE

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	JASON REDA	6'1"	200	SR.	ILLINOIS
P	KEN DEBAUCHE	6'2"	220	SR.	WISCONSIN
KR	DOMINIC JONES	5'8"	190	JR.	MINNESOTA
PR	DERRICK WILLIAMS	6'0"	203	JR.	PENN STATE

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ILLINOIS	8	6	11	10	8	4	3
INDIANA	4	11	8	11	11	11	10
IOWA	7	3	4	4	1	5	6
MICHIGAN	1	1	5	2	4	6	5
MICHIGAN STATE	11	8	10	9	10	9	8
MINNESOTA	10	7	7	5	6	8	11
NORTHWESTERN	6	4	9	8	3	10	9
OHIO STATE	9	5	6	6	5	3	2
PENN STATE	2	10	2	7	9	1	4
PURDUE	3	9	1	1	7	7	7
WISCONSIN	5	2	3	3	2	2	1

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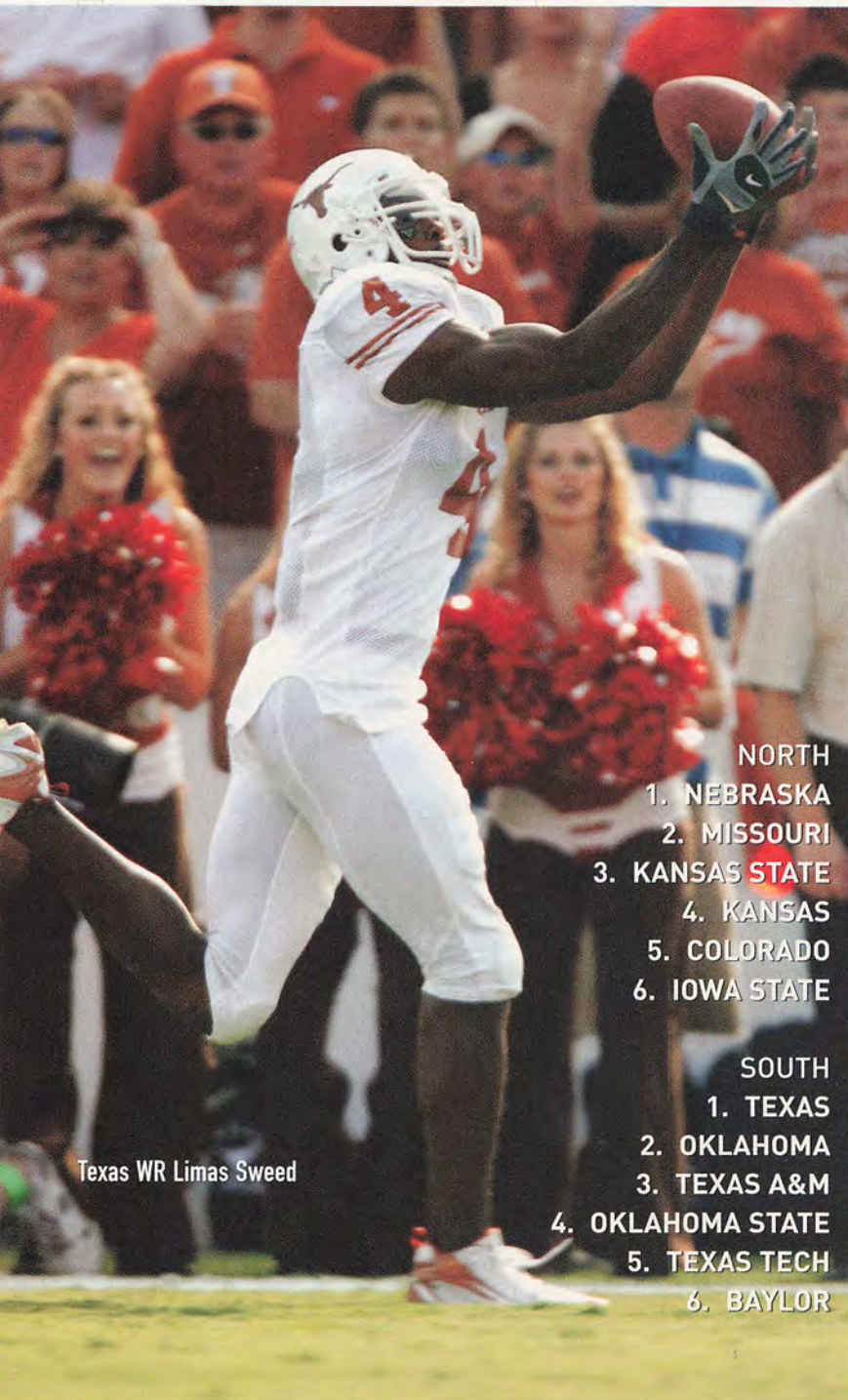


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 5. TEXAS TECH
 6. BAYLOR

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QB	COLT MCCOY	6'3"	205	SO.	TEXAS
RB	JAMAAL CHARLES	6'1"	200	JR.	TEXAS
RB	DANTRELL SAVAGE	5'9"	190	SR.	OKLAHOMA STATE
WR	ADARIUS BOWMAN	6'4"	220	SR.	OKLAHOMA STATE
WR	MALCOLM KELLY	6'4"	217	JR.	OKLAHOMA
TE	MARTIN RUCKER	6'6"	255	SR.	MISSOURI
C	CODY WALLACE	6'4"	294	SR.	TEXAS A&M
OL	ANTHONY COLLINS	6'6"	300	JR.	KANSAS
OL	TONY HILLS	6'6"	305	SR.	TEXAS
OL	DUKE ROBINSON	6'5"	330	JR.	OKLAHOMA
OL	MATT SLAUSON	6'5"	335	JR.	NEBRASKA

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	IAN CAMPBELL	6'5"	232	JR.	KANSAS STATE
DL	CHRIS HARRINGTON	6'5"	267	SR.	TEXAS A&M
DL	DEREK LOKEY	6'2"	280	SR.	TEXAS
DL	FRANK OKAM	6'5"	320	SR.	TEXAS
LB	ALVIN BOWEN	6'2"	216	SR.	IOWA STATE
LB	JORDON DIZON	6'0"	225	SR.	COLORADO
LB	BO RUUD	6'3"	235	SR.	NEBRASKA
CB	REGGIE SMITH	6'1"	197	JR.	OKLAHOMA
CB	AQIB TALIB	6'2"	180	JR.	KANSAS
S	RYAN WALTERS	5'11"	200	JR.	COLORADO
S	MARCUS WATTS	6'1"	189	SR.	KANSAS STATE

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	GARRETT HARTLEY	5'9"	198	SR.	OKLAHOMA
P	MATT FODGE	6'1"	195	JR.	OKLAHOMA STATE
KR	PERRISH COX	6'1"	180	SO.	OKLAHOMA STATE
PR	REGGIE SMITH	6'1"	197	JR.	OKLAHOMA

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	CHASE DANIEL	6'0"	225	JR.	MISSOURI
RB	MIKE GOODSON	6'0"	192	SO.	TEXAS A&M
RB	ALLEN PATRICK	6'0"	191	SR.	OKLAHOMA
WR	TODD BLYTHE	6'5"	209	SR.	IOWA STATE
WR	LIMAS SWEED	6'5"	219	SR.	TEXAS
TE	CHASE COFFMAN	6'6"	245	JR.	MISSOURI
C	JON COOPER	6'2"	285	JR.	OKLAHOMA
OL	BRANDON BRAXTON	6'6"	312	JR.	OKLAHOMA
OL	KIRK ELDER	6'5"	298	SR.	TEXAS A&M
OL	LOUIS VASQUEZ	6'6"	341	JR.	TEXAS TECH
OL	DAVID WASHINGTON	6'3"	310	JR.	OKLAHOMA STATE

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	JAMES MCCLINTON	6'1"	283	SR.	KANSAS
DL	NATHAN PETERSON	6'2"	240	SR.	OKLAHOMA STATE
DL	NDAMUKONG SUH	6'4"	305	SO.	NEBRASKA
DL	LORENZO WILLIAMS	6'1"	295	SR.	MISSOURI
LB	RODDRICK MUCKELROY	6'2"	230	SO.	TEXAS
LB	JOE PAWELEK	6'2"	231	SO.	BAYLOR
LB	MIKE RIVERA	6'3"	250	JR.	KANSAS
CB	MARCUS WALKER	5'11"	192	SR.	OKLAHOMA
CB	TERRENCE WHEATLEY	5'10"	175	SR.	COLORADO
S	MARCUS GRIFFIN	6'0"	202	SR.	TEXAS
S	ANDRE SEXTON	6'1"	205	SO.	OKLAHOMA STATE

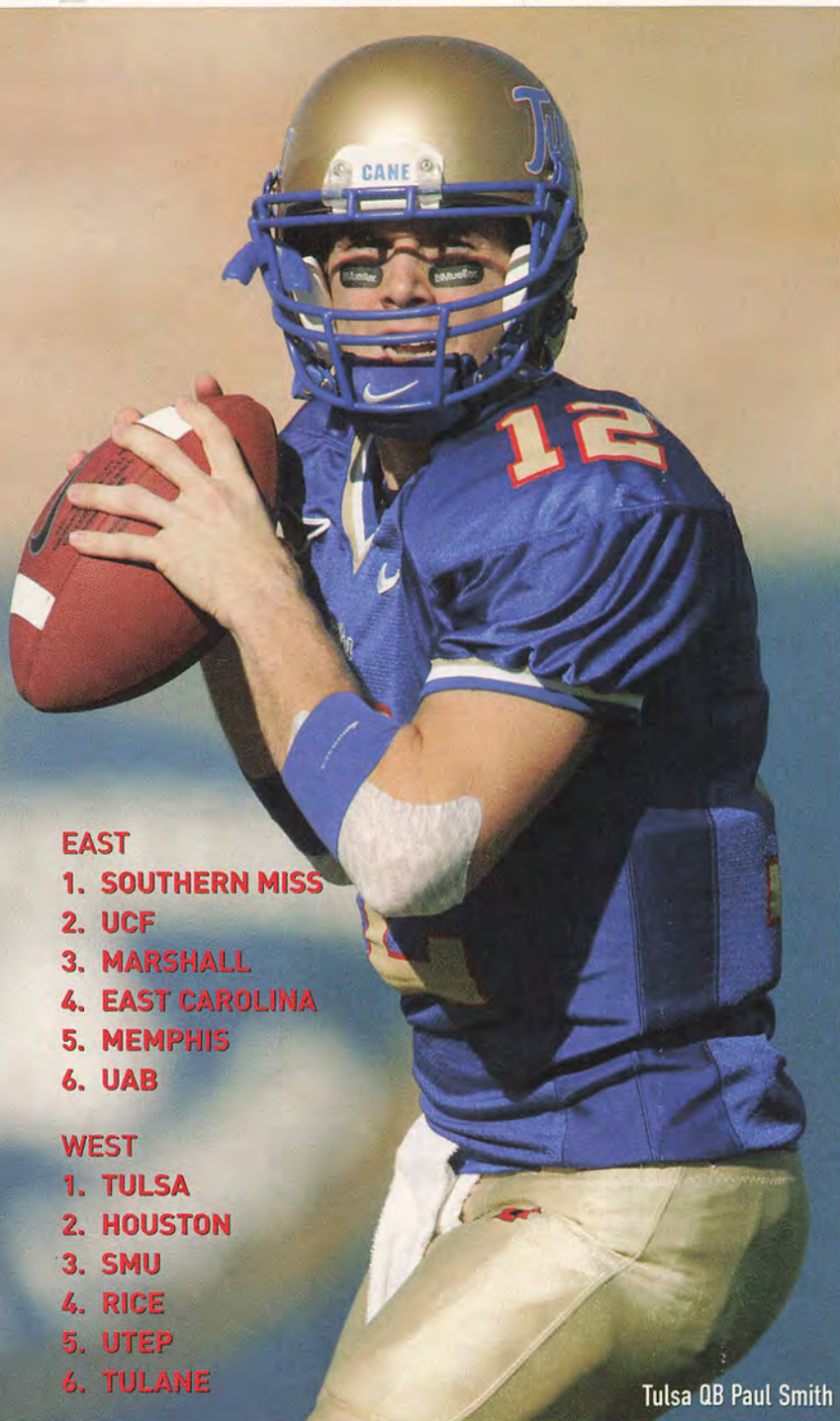
SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	JEFF WOLFERT	6'2"	185	JR.	MISSOURI
P	KYLE TUCKER	6'2"	205	SR.	KANSAS
KR	MARCUS HERFORD	6'3"	210	JR.	KANSAS
PR	DANNY AMENDOLA	5'11"	177	SR.	TEXAS TECH

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BAYLOR	12	12	11	9	10	9	11
COLORADO	11	9	12	8	5	4	3
IOWA STATE	8	11	6	12	12	5	12
KANSAS	9	10	8	6	6	7	9
KANSAS STATE	7	7	10	10	8	11	8
MISSOURI	1	5	3	7	9	10	10
NEBRASKA	3	8	1	3	4	1	5
OKLAHOMA	10	3	2	2	2	6	1
OKLAHOMA STATE	6	2	5	5	7	3	2
TEXAS	2	4	4	4	1	2	7
TEXAS A&M	5	1	7	1	3	8	6
TEXAS TECH	4	6	9	11	11	12	4

CONFERENCE USA



EAST

1. SOUTHERN MISS
2. UCF
3. MARSHALL
4. EAST CAROLINA
5. MEMPHIS
6. UAB

WEST

1. TULSA
2. HOUSTON
3. SMU
4. RICE
5. UTEP
6. TULANE

Tulsa QB Paul Smith

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	PAUL SMITH	6'2"	193	SR.	TULSA
RB	DAMION FLETCHER	5'10"	175	SO.	SOUTHERN MISS
RB	KEVIN SMITH	6'1"	211	JR.	UCF
WR	DONNIE AVERY	5'11"	190	SR.	HOUSTON
WR	JARETT DILLARD	5'11"	180	JR.	RICE
TE	SHAWN NELSON	6'5"	242	JR.	SOUTHERN MISS
C	DOUG LEGURSKY	6'3"	311	SR.	MARSHALL
OL	JEFF AKEROYD	6'3"	295	SR.	HOUSTON
OL	CHRIS CLARK	6'5"	295	SR.	SOUTHERN MISS
OL	BRANDON PEARCE	6'6"	280	JR.	MEMPHIS
OL	KYLE SMITH	6'2"	301	SR.	UCF

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	MARCUS HANDS	6'5"	277	JR.	EAST CAROLINA
DL	PHILLIP HUNT	6'2"	250	JR.	HOUSTON
DL	ALBERT MCCLELLAN	6'2"	225	JR.	MARSHALL
DL	MARTAVIUS PRINCE	6'3"	295	SR.	SOUTHERN MISS
LB	NELSON COLEMAN	6'2"	235	SR.	TULSA
LB	GERALD MCRATH	6'3"	213	SO.	SOUTHERN MISS
LB	BRIAN RAINES	6'1"	220	JR.	RICE
CB	JOE BURNETT	5'11"	183	JR.	UCF
CB	KENNETH FONTENETTE	6'0"	180	JR.	HOUSTON
S	QUINTIN DEMPS	6'1"	205	SR.	UTEP
S	BRANDON SUMRALL	5'11"	197	SR.	SOUTHERN MISS

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	BEN BELL	5'11"	175	JR.	HOUSTON
P	THOMAS MORSTEAD	6'5"	215	JR.	SMU
KR	MICHAEL GRANDBERRY	5'10"	171	JR.	MEMPHIS
PR	EMMANUEL SPANN	5'11"	179	JR.	MARSHALL

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	CHASE CLEMENT	6'1"	190	JR.	RICE
RB	ANTHONY ALRIDGE	5'9"	175	SR.	HOUSTON
RB	MATT FORTE	6'2"	225	SR.	TULANE
WR	DUKE CALHOUN	6'4"	185	SO.	MEMPHIS
WR	EMMANUEL SANDERS	6'1"	170	SO.	SMU
TE	CODY SLATE	6'4"	212	SO.	MARSHALL
C	MICHAEL PARENTON	6'3"	304	JR.	TULANE
OL	ROBBY HEOS	6'4"	300	SR.	RICE
OL	DUSTIN DICKINSON	6'3"	290	SR.	HOUSTON
OL	PATRICK BROWN	6'5"	290	JR.	UCF
OL	RYAN MCKEE	6'6"	275	JR.	SOUTHERN MISS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	ANTONIO HARRIS	6'3"	285	SR.	TULANE
DL	ROBERT HENDERSON	6'3"	280	SR.	SOUTHERN MISS
DL	ZACH SLATE	6'5"	227	JR.	EAST CAROLINA
DL	GREG TERRELL	6'4"	230	SO.	MEMPHIS
LB	QUENTIN COTTON	6'2"	224	JR.	EAST CAROLINA
LB	CHRIS CHAMBERLAIN	6'2"	225	SR.	TULSA
LB	JOE HENDERSON	6'2"	210	JR.	UAB
CB	BRANDON KING	5'9"	180	JR.	RICE
CB	TRAVIS WILLIAMS	5'10"	182	SR.	EAST CAROLINA
S	WILL DUNBAR	6'1"	195	SR.	UAB
S	SHA'REFF RASHAD	6'0"	197	JR.	UCF

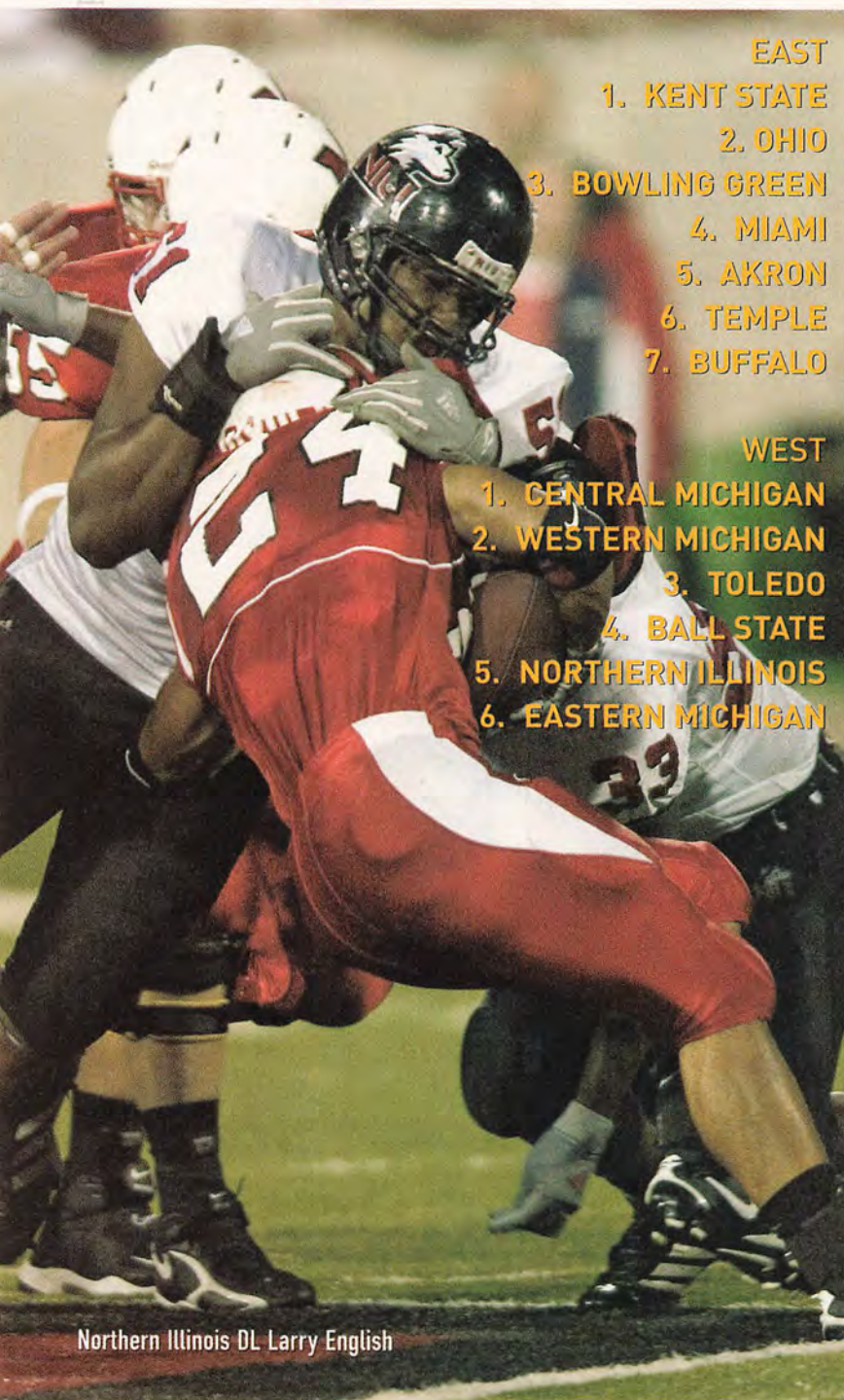
SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	MATT REAGAN	6'1"	210	SO.	MEMPHIS
P	BRITT BAREFOOT	6'0"	180	JR.	SOUTHERN MISS
KR	CHRIS JOHNSON	5'11"	200	SR.	EAST CAROLINA
PR	JOE BURNETT	5'11"	183	JR.	UCF

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
EAST CAROLINA	10	12	5	11	10	3	7
HOUSTON	11	4	1	2	6	7	9
MARSHALL	7	8	11	3	2	9	4
MEMPHIS	5	5	4	6	4	6	6
RICE	3	11	3	9	9	4	11
SMU	2	6	7	7	3	10	5
SOUTHERN MISS	4	1	6	1	1	2	2
TULANE	12	10	9	12	8	5	12
TULSA	1	3	8	4	7	1	3
UAB	9	9	12	8	5	7	8
UCF	6	2	10	5	11	12	10
UTEP	8	7	2	10	12	11	1

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE



Northern Illinois DL Larry English

Northern Illinois SID

- EAST**
1. KENT STATE
 2. OHIO
 3. BOWLING GREEN
 4. MIAMI
 5. AKRON
 6. TEMPLE
 7. BUFFALO

- WEST**
1. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
 2. WESTERN MICHIGAN
 3. TOLEDO
 4. BALL STATE
 5. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
 6. EASTERN MICHIGAN

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	NATE DAVIS	6'2"	214	SO.	BALL STATE
RB	KALVIN MCRAE	5'11"	208	SR.	OHIO
RB	JALEN PARMELE	6'0"	222	SR.	TOLEDO
WR	BRYAN ANDERSON	6'5"	194	SO.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
WR	HERB MARTIN	6'1"	187	SR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
TE	DARIUS HILL	6'6"	233	JR.	BALL STATE
C	KORY LICHTENSTEIGER	6'3"	300	SR.	BOWLING GREEN
OL	JOHN GRECO	6'5"	318	SR.	TOLEDO
OL	ANDREW HARTLINE	6'5"	297	JR.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OL	CHRIS KEMME	6'6"	300	JR.	AKRON
OL	ANDRE RAMSEY	6'5"	305	JR.	BALL STATE

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	LANDON COHEN	6'3"	274	SR.	OHIO
DL	LARRY ENGLISH	6'3"	255	JR.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
DL	BRIAN SANFORD	6'2"	253	SO.	TEMPLE
DL	TREVOR SCOTT	6'5"	254	SR.	BUFFALO
LB	DANIEL HOLTZCLAW	6'1"	230	JR.	EASTERN MICHIGAN
LB	JOEY HUDSON	6'2"	230	JR.	MIAMI
LB	RED KEITH	5'11"	242	SR.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
CB	E.J. BIGGERS	6'0"	165	JR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
CB	LONDEN FRYAR	5'11"	185	JR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
S	BARRY CHURCH	6'3"	215	SO.	TOLEDO
S	LOUIS DELMAS	6'0"	181	JR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	CHRIS NENDICK	5'11"	183	SR.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
P	CHRIS MILLER	6'2"	205	JR.	BALL STATE
KR	BRANDON WEST	5'10"	176	SO.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
PR	CHRIS GARRETT	5'8"	174	SO.	OHIO

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	DAN LEFEVOUR	6'3"	226	SO.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
RB	MARK BONDS	5'10"	215	SR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
RB	DENNIS KENNEDY	5'11"	215	JR.	AKRON
WR	BRITT DAVIS	6'2"	205	JR.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
WR	DANTE LOVE	5'10"	176	JR.	BALL STATE
TE	CHRIS HOPKINS	6'5"	255	SR.	TOLEDO
C	ROBBIE KRUTILLA	6'3"	308	SR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
OL	JAMES BLAIR	6'3"	338	SR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN
OL	JOE MARAFINE	6'4"	305	SR.	KENT STATE
OL	MATT MILLER	6'3"	312	SR.	OHIO
OL	ERIC TUNNEY	6'3"	291	SR.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	COLIN FERRELL	6'0"	283	SR.	KENT STATE
DL	STEVEN FRIEND	6'2"	294	SR.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
DL	JAMESON HARTKE	6'4"	262	JR.	OHIO
DL	JASON JONES	6'5"	262	SR.	EASTERN MICHIGAN
LB	WALLACE BATES	6'2"	230	JR.	TEMPLE
LB	CORTLAN BOOKER	6'2"	245	SR.	BALL STATE
LB	TIM MCCARTHY	6'0"	232	JR.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
CB	NIGEL MORRIS	6'0"	181	SR.	TOLEDO
CB	MARK PARSON	5'10"	188	JR.	OHIO
S	KAREEM BYROM	5'10"	200	SR.	BUFFALO
S	C.J. WILSON	6'2"	206	JR.	WESTERN MICHIGAN

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	TREVOR COOK	6'2"	184	SO.	MIAMI
P	BRETT KERN	6'3"	195	SR.	TOLEDO
KR	ERIC FRASER	6'0"	202	SO.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
PR	COREY PARTRIDGE	5'11"	184	JR.	BOWLING GREEN

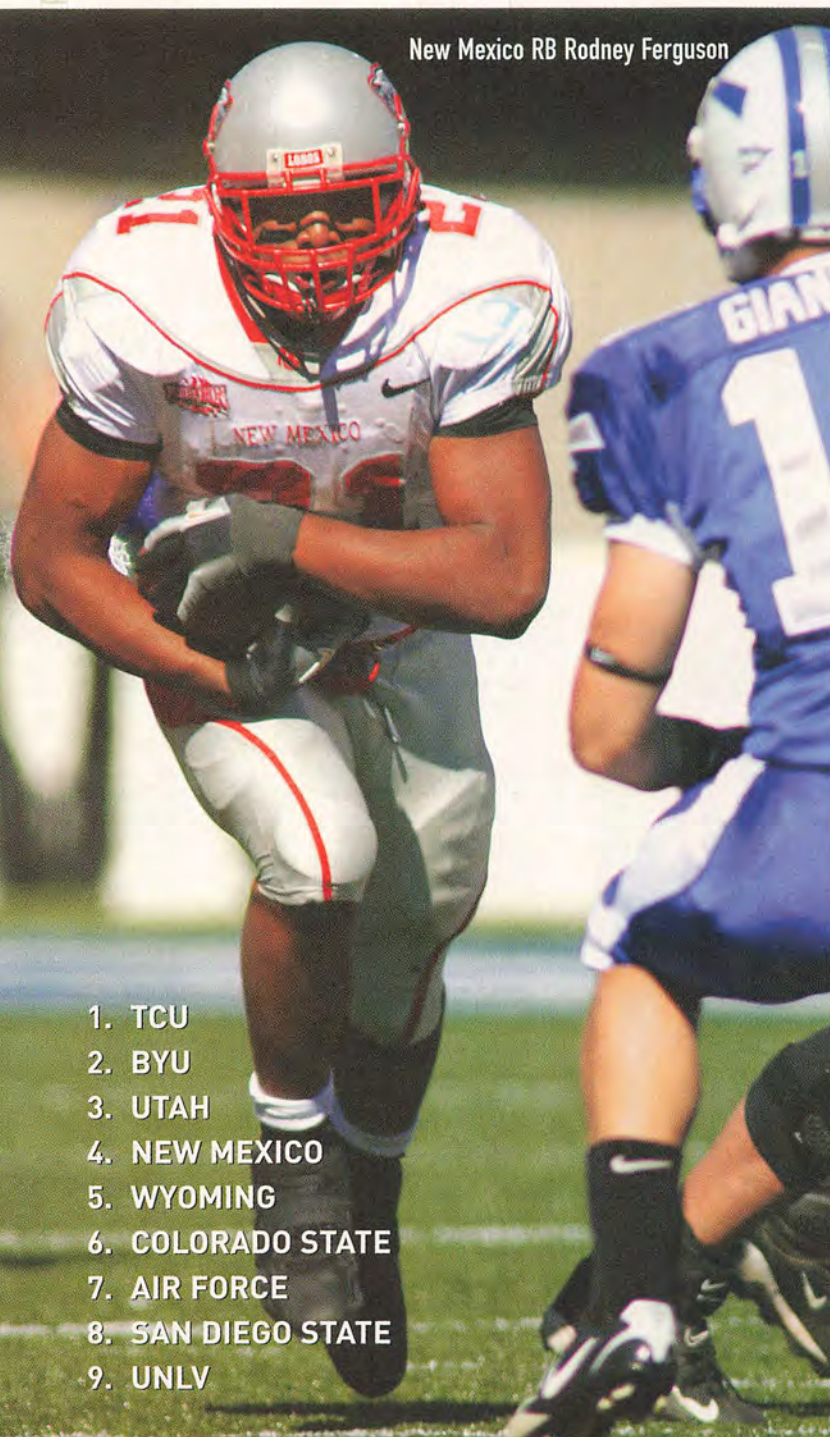
2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AKRON	6	4	4	6	2	11	4
BALL STATE	1	9	1	3	9	7	11
BOWLING GREEN	7	11	8	9	12	12	8
BUFFALO	13	8	12	10	11	8	12
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	6	3	1	8	3	5
EASTERN MICHIGAN	9	13	9	11	7	5	10
KENT STATE	3	5	10	8	5	9	9
MIAMI	11	10	7	13	13	13	7
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	10	7	6	7	6	1	3
OHIO	8	2	11	5	1	10	6
TOLEDO	5	1	5	4	4	4	2
TEMPLE	12	12	13	12	10	2	13
WESTERN MICHIGAN	4	3	2	2	3	6	1

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE



New Mexico RB Rodney Ferguson



1. TCU
2. BYU
3. UTAH
4. NEW MEXICO
5. WYOMING
6. COLORADO STATE
7. AIR FORCE
8. SAN DIEGO STATE
9. UNLV

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB BRIAN JOHNSON	6'1"	210	JR.	UTAH
RB AARON BROWN	6'1"	196	JR.	TCU
RB RODNEY FERGUSON	6'0"	226	JR.	NEW MEXICO
WR TRAVIS BROWN	6'3"	189	SR.	NEW MEXICO
WR RYAN WOLFE	6'1"	205	SO.	UNLV
TE WADE BETSCHART	6'3"	250	SR.	WYOMING
C SETE AULAI	6'1"	297	SR.	BYU
OL DEVIN CLARK	6'4"	320	SR.	NEW MEXICO
OL ROBERT CONLEY	6'1"	316	JR.	UTAH
OL MATTY LINDNER	6'4"	298	SR.	TCU
OL DALLAS REYNOLDS	6'5"	328	JR.	BYU

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL TOMMY BLAKE	6'3"	252	SR.	TCU
DL TYLER DONALDSON	6'4"	237	SR.	NEW MEXICO
DL JEREMY GEATHERS	6'2"	245	JR.	UNLV
DL CHASE ORTIZ	6'3"	255	SR.	TCU
LB DREW FOWLER	6'2"	235	SR.	AIR FORCE
LB JOE JIANNONI	6'0"	235	SR.	UTAH
LB JASON PHILLIPS	6'1"	234	JR.	TCU
CB BEN CRIDDLE	6'0"	185	SR.	BYU
CB DEANDRE WRIGHT	6'0"	183	JR.	NEW MEXICO
S BRIAN BONNER	5'11"	199	SR.	TCU
S STEVE TATE	5'11"	195	SR.	UTAH

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K LOUIE SAKODA	5'10"	178	JR.	UTAH
P JIMMIE KAYLOR	6'3"	197	SR.	COLORADO STATE
KR DEANDRE WRIGHT	6'0"	183	JR.	NEW MEXICO
PR BRIAN BONNER	5'11"	203	SR.	TCU

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB ROCKY HINDS	6'5"	220	JR.	UNLV
RB KYLE BELL	6'2"	232	JR.	COLORADO STATE
RB ATTIAH HENDERSON	5'9"	185	SO.	SAN DIEGO STATE
WR CASEY FLAIR	6'1"	190	JR.	UNLV
WR MICHAEL FORD	6'2"	203	SR.	WYOMING
TE KORY SPERRY	6'6"	250	SR.	COLORADO STATE
C BLAKE SCHLUETER	6'3"	272	JR.	TCU
OL JASON BOONE	6'4"	300	SR.	UTAH
OL BRANDYN DOMBROSKI	6'6"	335	SR.	SAN DIEGO STATE
OL ANTHONY KILBY	6'4"	331	SR.	NEW MEXICO
OL R.J. WILLING	6'5"	300	SO.	BYU

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL JAN JORGENSEN	6'3"	260	SO.	BYU
DL JESSE NADING	6'5"	263	SR.	COLORADO STATE
DL NICK OSBORN	6'4"	260	SR.	SAN DIEGO STATE
DL BLAKE SMITH	6'2"	257	SR.	COLORADO STATE
LB BEAU BELL	6'3"	245	SR.	UNLV
LB WARD DOBBS	6'0"	229	JR.	WYOMING
LB JEFF HORINEK	6'3"	238	JR.	COLORADO STATE
CB GLOVER QUIN	5'11"	194	JR.	NEW MEXICO
CB JULIUS STINSON	5'10"	182	SR.	WYOMING
S QUINN GOOCH	6'0"	196	SR.	BYU
S KLINT KUBIAK	6'0"	201	JR.	COLORADO STATE

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K SERGIO AGUAYO	6'1"	200	SR.	UNLV
P LOUIE SAKODA	5'10"	178	JR.	UTAH
KR BRICE MCCAIN	5'9"	189	JR.	UTAH
PR DAMON MORTON	5'11"	176	SR.	COLORADO STATE

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AIR FORCE	4	4	9	9	9	7	8
BYU	6	6	5	1	2	2	3
COLORADO STATE	5	2	2	5	4	6	4
NEW MEXICO	7	3	4	4	3	8	5
SAN DIEGO STATE	3	8	7	8	6	9	9
TCU	9	1	8	2	1	1	2
UTAH	1	7	3	3	7	5	7
UNLV	2	9	1	7	5	4	6
WYOMING	8	5	6	6	8	3	1

PAC-10 CONFERENCE



1. USC
2. CALIFORNIA
3. UCLA
4. OREGON STATE
5. ARIZONA
6. OREGON
7. ARIZONA STATE
8. WASHINGTON STATE
9. WASHINGTON
10. STANFORD

Oregon RB Jonathan Stewart

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	JOHN DAVID BOOTY	6'3"	210	SR.	USC
RB	YVENSON BERNARD	5'9"	202	SR.	OREGON STATE
RB	JONATHAN STEWART	5'11"	230	JR.	OREGON
WR	DESEAN JACKSON	6'0"	166	JR.	CALIFORNIA
WR	SAMMIE STROUGHTER	6'0"	183	SR.	OREGON STATE
TE	CRAIG STEVENS	6'5"	254	SR.	CALIFORNIA
C	ALEX MACK	6'5"	300	JR.	CALIFORNIA
OL	SAM BAKER	6'5"	305	SR.	USC
OL	JEREMY PERRY	6'2"	313	JR.	OREGON STATE
OL	MAX UNGER	6'5"	287	JR.	OREGON
OL	ROY SCHUENING	6'4"	317	SR.	OREGON STATE

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	BRUCE DAVIS	6'3"	237	SR.	UCLA
DL	SEDRICK ELLIS	6'1"	295	SR.	USC
DL	LOUIS HOLMES	6'6"	270	SR.	ARIZONA
DL	LAWRENCE JACKSON	6'5"	265	SR.	USC
LB	REY MAUALUGA	6'3"	250	JR.	USC
LB	KEITH RIVERS	6'3"	230	SR.	USC
LB	DERRICK DOGGETT	6'3"	210	SR.	OREGON STATE
CB	ANTOINE CASON	6'0"	182	SR.	ARIZONA
CB	TERRELL THOMAS	6'1"	200	SR.	USC
S	CHRIS HORTON	6'1"	210	SR.	UCLA
S	TAYLOR MAYS	6'4"	225	SO.	USC

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	ALEXIS SERNA	5'8"	170	SR.	OREGON STATE
P	ANDREW LARSEN	6'2"	190	SR.	CALIFORNIA
KR	JONATHAN STEWART	5'11"	230	JR.	OREGON
PR	DESEAN JACKSON	6'0"	166	JR.	CALIFORNIA

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	NATE LONGSHORE	6'5"	233	JR.	CALIFORNIA
RB	CHRIS MARKEY	5'11"	204	SR.	UCLA
RB	RYAN TORAIN	6'1"	213	SR.	ARIZONA STATE
WR	LAVELLE HAWKINS	6'2"	181	SR.	CALIFORNIA
WR	JAISON WILLIAMS	6'5"	240	JR.	OREGON
TE	JOHNNIE KIRTON	6'3"	270	JR.	WASHINGTON
C	MIKE POLLAK	6'4"	292	SR.	ARIZONA STATE
OL	MIKE GIBSON	6'5"	290	SR.	CALIFORNIA
OL	CHILO RACHAL	6'5"	300	JR.	USC
OL	BRANDON RODD	6'4"	303	SR.	ARIZONA STATE
OL	SHANNON TEVAGA	6'3"	316	SR.	UCLA

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	LIONEL DOTSON	6'4"	278	SR.	ARIZONA
DL	MICHAEL MARQUARDT	6'4"	295	SR.	ARIZONA STATE
DL	ROPATI PITOITUA	6'8"	291	SR.	WASH. STATE
DL	JEFF VAN ORSOW	6'4"	262	SR.	OREGON STATE
LB	BRIAN CUSHING	6'4"	245	JR.	USC
LB	ZACK FOLLETT	6'2"	237	JR.	CALIFORNIA
LB	SPENCER LARSON	6'1"	236	SR.	ARIZONA
CB	TREY BROWN	5'9"	185	SR.	UCLA
CB	WILREY FONTENOT	5'9"	174	SR.	ARIZONA
S	KEVIN ELLISON	6'1"	220	JR.	USC
S	JAIRUS BYRD	5'11"	208	SO.	OREGON

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	TOM SCHNEIDER	6'1"	191	SR.	CALIFORNIA
P	AARON PEREZ	6'4"	219	JR.	UCLA
KR	C.J. GABLE	6'1"	190	SO.	USC
PR	SAMMIE STROUGHTER	6'0"	183	SR.	OREGON STATE

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ARIZONA	7	8	9	9	3	3	2
ARIZONA STATE	4	6	8	4	5	8	5
CALIFORNIA	2	5	1	3	6	5	6
OREGON	6	1	3	6	7	6	4
OREGON STATE	8	2	2	1	4	2	7
STANFORD	10	10	5	10	10	9	9
UCLA	5	4	7	5	2	4	3
USC	1	3	6	2	1	1	1
WASHINGTON	9	9	10	8	8	10	10
WASHINGTON STATE	3	7	4	7	9	7	8

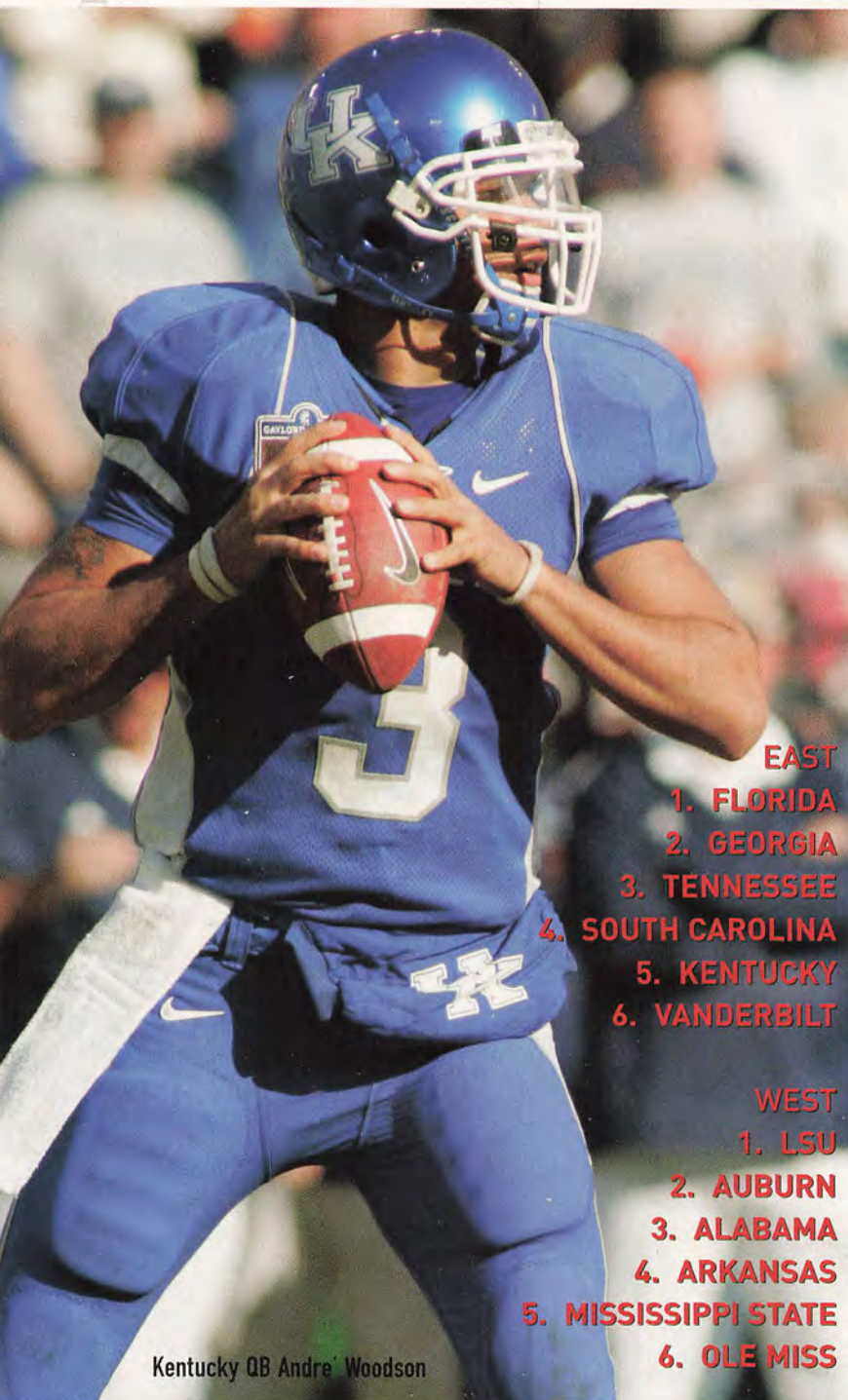
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Kentucky QB Andre' Woodson

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1. FLORIDA
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5. KENTUCKY
6. VANDERBILT

WEST

1. LSU
2. AUBURN
3. ALABAMA
4. ARKANSAS
5. MISSISSIPPI STATE
6. OLE MISS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	ANDRE' WOODSON	6'5"	230	SR.	KENTUCKY
RB	DARREN MCFADDEN	6'2"	205	JR.	ARKANSAS
RB	LAMARCUS COKER	5'11"	195	SO.	TENNESSEE
WR	EARL BENNETT	6'1"	202	JR.	VANDERBILT
WR	PERCY HARVIN	5'11"	181	SO.	FLORIDA
TE	JACOB TAMME	6'5"	240	SR.	KENTUCKY
C	JONATHAN LUIGS	6'4"	305	JR.	ARKANSAS
OL	CIRON BLACK	6'5"	314	SO.	LSU
OL	RAMON FOSTER	6'6"	325	JR.	TENNESSEE
OL	PHIL TRAUTWEIN	6'6"	298	SR.	FLORIDA
OL	CHRIS WILLIAMS	6'6"	315	SR.	VANDERBILT

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	TITUS BROWN	6'3"	255	SR.	MISS. STATE
DL	GLENN DORSEY	6'2"	299	SR.	LSU
DL	QUENTIN GROVES	6'4"	254	SR.	AUBURN
DL	DERRICK HARVEY	6'4"	245	JR.	FLORIDA
LB	JASPER BRINKLEY	6'2"	257	SR.	SOUTH CAROLINA
LB	JONATHAN GOFF	6'4"	235	SR.	VANDERBILT
LB	WESLEY WOODYARD	6'1"	212	SR.	KENTUCKY
CB	SIMEON CASTILLE	6'1"	189	SR.	ALABAMA
CB	PAUL OLIVER	6'0"	201	SR.	GEORGIA
S	JONATHAN HEFNEY	5'9"	185	SR.	TENNESSEE
S	DEREK PEGUES	5'10"	196	JR.	MISS. STATE

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	BRANDON COUTU	6'0"	200	SR.	GEORGIA
P	BRITTON COLQUITT	6'3"	205	JR.	TENNESSEE
KR	TRISTAN DAVIS	5'10"	201	JR.	AUBURN
PR	MIKEY HENDERSON	5'10"	150	SR.	GEORGIA

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	ERIK AINGE	6'6"	220	SR.	TENNESSEE
RB	BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS	5'11"	225	SR.	OLE MISS
RB	FELIX JONES	6'0"	200	JR.	ARKANSAS
WR	KEENAN BURTON	6'2"	195	SR.	KENTUCKY
WR	DJ HALL	6'3"	186	SR.	ALABAMA
TE	ANDY BOYD	6'4"	267	SR.	SOUTH CAROLINA
C	DREW MILLER	6'5"	297	JR.	FLORIDA
OL	KING DUNLAP	6'9"	321	SR.	AUBURN
OL	MICHAEL OHER	6'5"	325	JR.	OLE MISS
OL	ROBERT FELTON	6'4"	316	SR.	ARKANSAS
OL	ANDRE SMITH	6'4"	348	SO.	ALABAMA

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	CURTIS GATEWOOD	6'3"	245	SR.	VANDERBILT
DL	TYSON JACKSON	6'5"	292	JR.	LSU
DL	SEN'DERRICK MARKS	6'2"	287	SO.	AUBURN
DL	ANTWAIN ROBINSON	6'3"	255	JR.	ARKANSAS
LB	DARRY BECKWITH	6'1"	232	JR.	LSU
LB	ALI HIGHSMITH	6'1"	225	SR.	LSU
LB	JEROD MAYO	6'2"	230	SR.	TENNESSEE
CB	CHEVIS JACKSON	6'0"	190	JR.	LSU
CB	JONATHAN WILHITE	5'11"	182	SR.	AUBURN
S	MICHAEL GRANT	5'11"	198	SR.	ARKANSAS
S	TONY JOINER	5'11"	217	SR.	FLORIDA

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	RYAN SUCCOP	6'2"	213	JR.	SOUTH CAROLINA
P	TIM MASTHAY	6'2"	185	JR.	KENTUCKY
KR	KEENAN BURTON	6'2"	195	SR.	KENTUCKY
PR	DEREK PEGUES	5'10"	196	JR.	MISS. STATE

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ALABAMA	7	11	3	2	7	7	3
ARKANSAS	10	1	7	6	5	6	10
AUBURN	8	8	10	10	2	9	4
FLORIDA	4	9	1	1	6	10	7
GEORGIA	3	4	9	9	4	8	2
KENTUCKY	1	7	2	8	12	5	9
LSU	6	6	4	3	1	2	1
MISSISSIPPI STATE	11	12	11	12	9	11	11
OLE MISS	12	3	12	11	10	12	12
SOUTH CAROLINA	9	5	8	7	8	1	6
TENNESSEE	2	2	6	5	3	3	5
VANDERBILT	5	10	5	4	11	4	8

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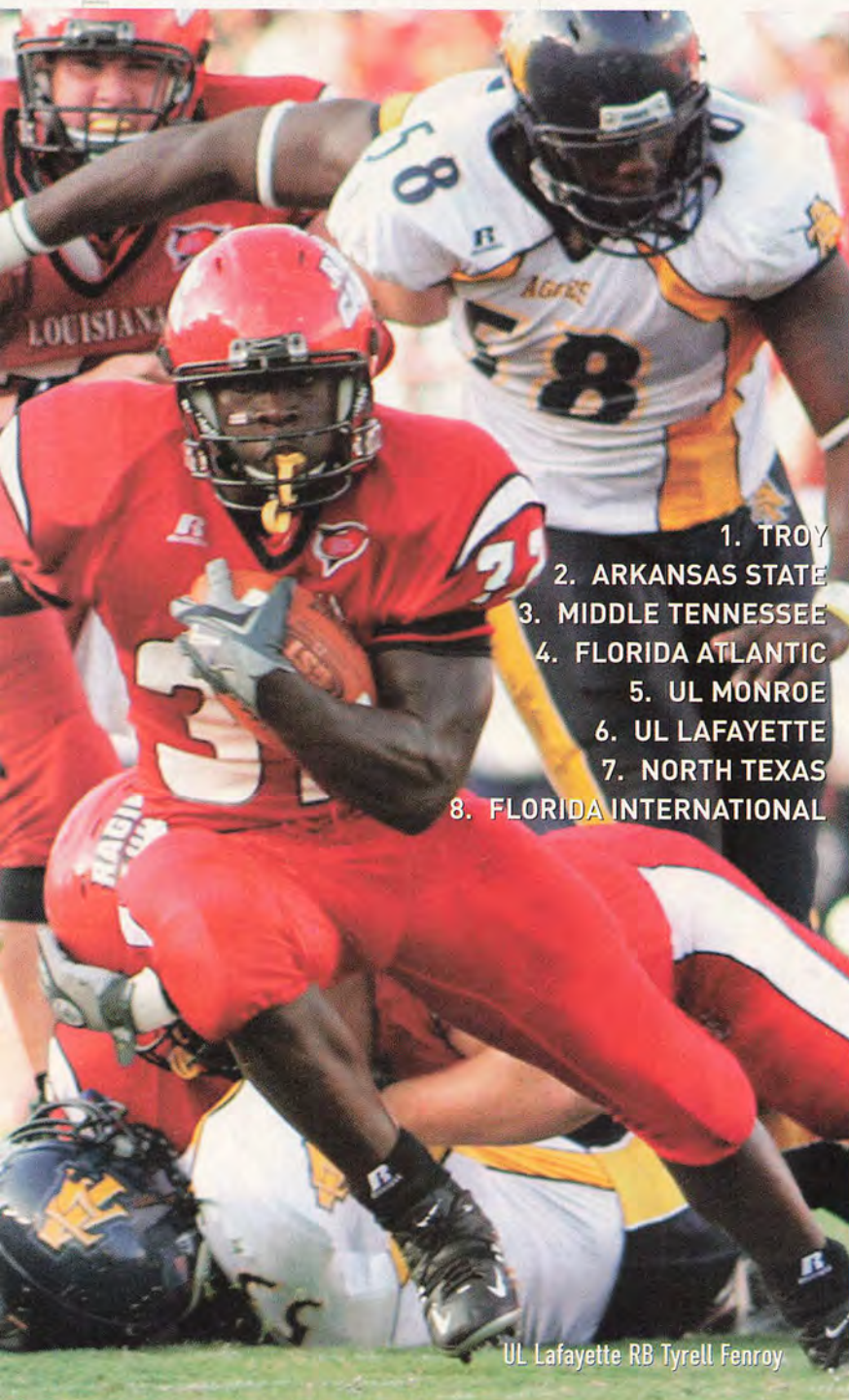
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4. FLORIDA ATLANTIC
5. UL MONROE
6. UL LAFAYETTE
7. NORTH TEXAS
8. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	OMAR HAUGABOOK	6'2"	220	SR.	TROY
RB	CALVIN DAWSON	5'10"	207	SR.	UL MONROE
RB	TYRELL FENROY	5'10"	180	JR.	UL LAFAYETTE
WR	GARY BANKS	6'1"	196	SR.	TROY
WR	LAGREGORY SAPP	6'3"	200	JR.	UL MONROE
TE	ZEEK ZACHARIE	6'3"	230	JR.	UL MONROE
C	ADAM HILL	6'1"	325	SR.	UL MONROE
OL	KYLE CUNNINGHAM	6'4"	295	SR.	UL MONROE
OL	FRANKLIN DUNBAR	6'5"	320	JR.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
OL	MATT MANDICH	6'3"	282	JR.	ARKANSAS STATE
OL	JESSE NEWMAN	6'4"	301	SR.	UL LAFAYETTE

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	JEREMIAH CHAPMAN	6'4"	243	SR.	NORTH TEXAS
DL	TAVARES JONES	6'2"	242	SR.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
DL	JOSH PINNICK	6'5"	240	SR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
DL	ERIK WALDEN	6'2"	238	SR.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
LB	MAURICE HOLMAN	6'1"	224	SR.	NORTH TEXAS
LB	KOBY MCKINNON	6'3"	215	SR.	ARKANSAS STATE
LB	MARCUS RICHARDSON	6'3"	214	SR.	TROY
CB	LIONELL SINGLETON	5'10"	174	SR.	FIU
CB	KRIS BARTELS	5'10"	200	SR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
S	TYRELL JOHNSON	6'1"	197	SR.	ARKANSAS STATE
S	DAMON NICKSON	6'0"	177	SR.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	DREW EDMISTON	6'4"	205	JR.	UL LAFAYETTE
P	TRUMAN SPENCER	6'3"	206	JR.	NORTH TEXAS
KR	DAMON NICKSON	6'0"	177	SR.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
PR	LEODIS MCKELVIN	5'11"	187	SR.	TROY

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	COREY LEONARD	6'1"	196	SO.	ARKANSAS STATE
RB	KENNY CATTOUSE	5'10"	207	SR.	TROY
RB	REGGIE ARNOLD	5'9"	217	SO.	ARKANSAS STATE
WR	DESMOND GEE	5'8"	163	SO.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
WR	LEVI DEJOHNETTE	6'0"	175	SR.	ARKANSAS STATE
TE	MOSES HINTON	6'3"	276	JR.	FIU
C	CHRIS FISHER	6'3"	275	SO.	UL LAFAYETTE
OL	ANDY LEAVINE	6'5"	292	SO.	FIU
OL	JARRID SMITH	6'2"	258	SR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
OL	CHRIS JAMISON	6'3"	285	JR.	TROY
OL	MATT REIBE	6'3"	300	SR.	ARKANSAS STATE

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	RODNEY HARDEWAY	6'3"	235	SR.	UL LAFAYETTE
DL	KENNY MAINOR	6'4"	230	JR.	TROY
DL	CHRIS BRADWELL	6'5"	280	SR.	TROY
DL	JERVONTE JACKSON	6'3"	280	JR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
LB	BRENTON BURKHALTER	6'0"	221	JR.	UL LAFAYETTE
LB	BORIS LEE	6'2"	210	SO.	TROY
LB	CERGILE SINCERE	6'0"	215	SR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
CB	AARON WEATHERS	5'11"	194	SR.	NORTH TEXAS
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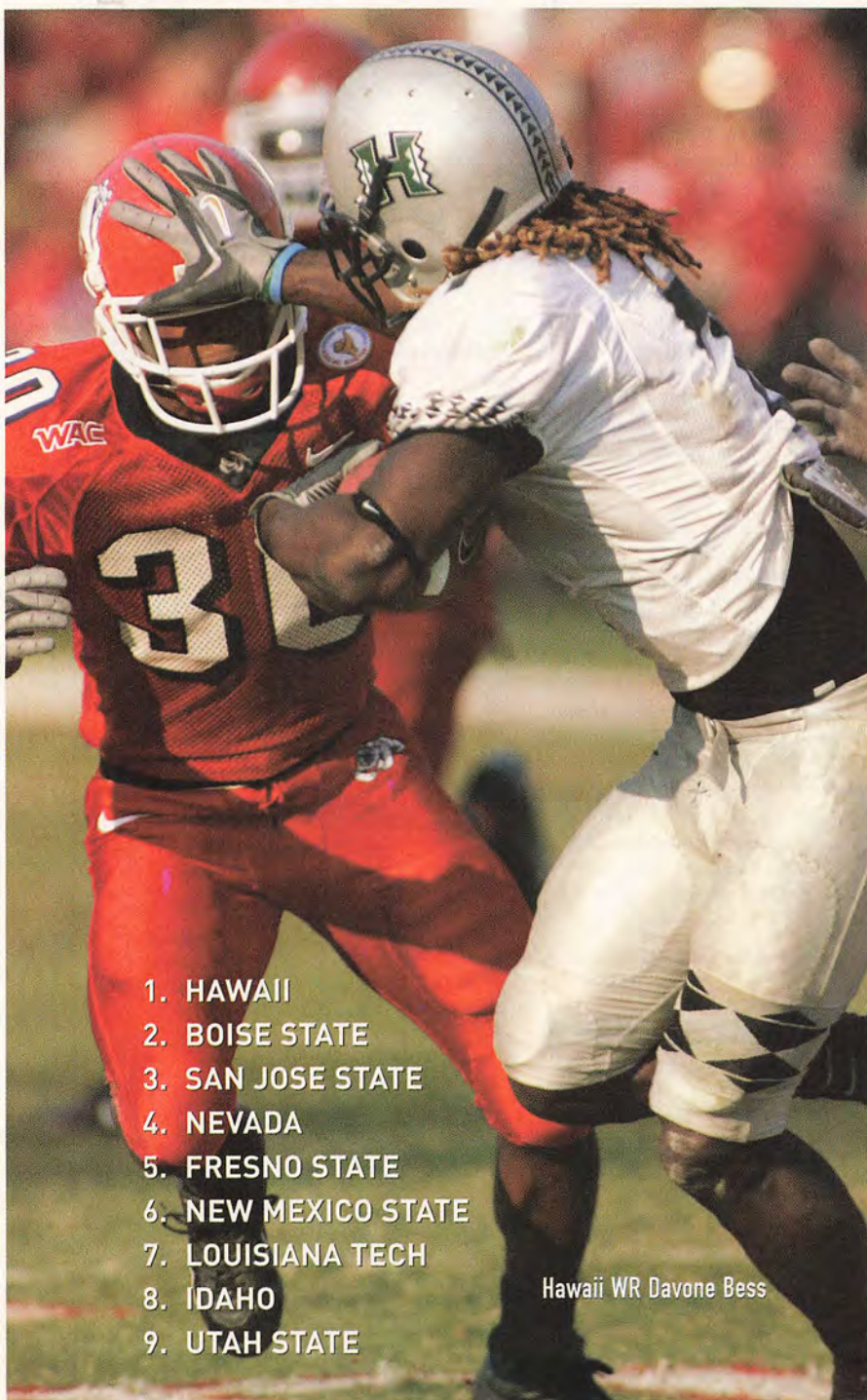
SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

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P	BRETT SHRABLE	6'2"	226	JR.	ARKANSAS STATE
KR	LIONELL SINGLETON	5'10"	174	SR.	FIU
PR	FRANTZ SIMEON	5'10"	185	JR.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ARKANSAS STATE	5	2	3	6	8	5	1
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3	4	4	4	2	4	8
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	7	8	5	5	4	7	5
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	8	6	6	3	1	6	3
NORTH TEXAS	6	7	7	6	6	2	7
UL LAFAYETTE	4	1	8	2	7	3	6
UL MONROE	2	3	1	1	5	8	4
TROY	1	5	2	7	3	1	2

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



1. HAWAII
2. BOISE STATE
3. SAN JOSE STATE
4. NEVADA
5. FRESNO STATE
6. NEW MEXICO STATE
7. LOUISIANA TECH
8. IDAHO
9. UTAH STATE

Hawaii WR Davone Bess

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	COLT BRENNAN	6'3"	196	SR.	HAWAII
RB	YONUS DAVIS	5'7"	180	SR.	SAN JOSE STATE
RB	IAN JOHNSON	5'11"	194	JR.	BOISE STATE
WR	DAVONE BESS	5'10"	195	JR.	HAWAII
WR	CHRIS WILLIAMS	5'8"	155	JR.	NEW MEXICO ST.
TE	BEAR PASCOE	6'5"	260	JR.	FRESNO STATE
C	DOMINIC GREEN	6'3"	295	JR.	NEVADA
OL	JEFF CAVENDER	6'2"	286	SR.	BOISE STATE
OL	RYAN CLADY	6'6"	319	JR.	BOISE STATE
OL	JOHN ESTES	6'2"	290	SO.	HAWAII
OL	HERCULES SATELE	6'2"	288	SR.	HAWAII

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	BEN CALDERWOOD	6'2"	268	JR.	UTAH STATE
DL	TYLER CLUTTS	6'2"	245	SR.	FRESNO STATE
DL	MATT HINES	6'1"	285	SR.	NEVADA
DL	MICHAEL LAFAELE	6'0"	302	SR.	HAWAII
LB	EZRA BUTLER	6'2"	248	SR.	NEVADA
LB	MATT CASTELO	5'10"	210	SR.	SAN JOSE STATE
LB	DAVID VOBORA	6'1"	240	SR.	IDAHO
CB	STANLEY FRANKS	5'11"	167	SR.	IDAHO
CB	DWIGHT LOWERY	6'1"	185	SR.	SAN JOSE STATE
S	ANTONIO BAKER	5'11"	200	SO.	LOUISIANA TECH
S	MARTY TADMAN	5'11"	182	SR.	BOISE STATE

FIRST TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	DAN KELLY	6'3"	202	JR.	HAWAII
P	WAYLON PRATHER	6'3"	220	SR.	SAN JOSE STATE
KR	KEVIN ROBINSON	6'0"	192	SR.	UTAH STATE
PR	CLIFTON SMITH	5'8"	190	SR.	FRESNO STATE

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	CHASE HOLBROOK	6'5"	235	JR.	NEW MEXICO ST.
RB	PATRICK JACKSON	5'10"	195	JR.	LOUISIANA TECH
RB	LUKE LIPPINCOTT	6'2"	215	JR.	NEVADA
WR	A.J. HARRIS	6'1"	210	JR.	NEW MEXICO ST.
WR	JASON RIVERS	6'2"	192	SR.	HAWAII
TE	JEFF CLARK	6'6"	235	SR.	SAN JOSE STATE
C	JUSTIN PAYSINGER	6'1"	290	JR.	SAN JOSE STATE
OL	TAD MILLER	6'4"	304	SR.	BOISE STATE
OL	TYLER MILLER	6'7"	305	SR.	LOUISIANA TECH
OL	COLE POPOVICH	6'2"	285	JR.	FRESNO STATE
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DL	NICK SCHLEKEWAY	6'4"	262	SR.	BOISE STATE
DL	JASON SHIRLEY	6'5"	330	SR.	FRESNO STATE
LB	QUIN HARRIS	6'3"	227	JR.	LOUISIANA TECH
LB	PAUL IGBOELI	6'0"	206	SO.	UTAH STATE
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S	SHILOH KEO	5'10"	175	SO.	IDAHO
S	JACOB PATEK	6'0"	202	SR.	HAWAII

SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	DAN KELLY	6'3"	202	JR.	HAWAII
P	T.J. CONLEY	6'3"	216	JR.	IDAHO
KR	PATRICK JACKSON	5'10"	195	JR.	LOUISIANA TECH
PR	WELDON BROWN	5'10"	186	JR.	LOUISIANA TECH

2007 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOISE STATE	6	1	7	1	3	3	2
FRESNO STATE	4	6	6	4	2	8	4
HAWAII	1	7	1	2	1	1	7
IDAHO	8	5	8	7	8	5	3
LOUISIANA TECH	5	4	9	8	4	7	5
NEW MEXICO STATE	2	8	2	6	9	9	9
NEVADA	7	3	4	3	5	4	6
SAN JOSE STATE	3	2	3	5	6	2	1
UTAH STATE	9	9	5	9	7	6	8



USC TROJANS

Offense Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback John David Booty will attempt to follow in the footsteps of former Trojan greats Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer. The senior signal-caller will direct a group that includes five returning starters. Most of the skill players will be new, as will the offensive coordinator — Steve Sarkisian replaces Lane Kiffin, who left USC to coach the Oakland Raiders.

Receivers Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith, who formed arguably the finest pass-catching tandem in the country a year ago, have moved on to the NFL. Now, 6'5" and 230-pound junior Patrick Turner and 6'3" sophomore Vidal Hazelton — of Nashville and New York, respectively — will try to continue the legacy of great receivers at USC. Travon Patterson, the star of spring practice, and redshirt freshman David Ausberry are also in the mix.

There are no fewer than 11 tailbacks on the roster, many of them five-star recruits. Powerful senior Chauncey Washington and sophomore C.J. Gable will enter fall practice 1-2 at the position.

3 USC has produced three Heisman Trophy winners in the past five years. Quarterback John David Booty is this year's likely candidate.

But there are plenty of other hungry candidates, including Joe McKnight, the highly touted freshman who was regarded by many as the No. 1 high school player in the country. McKnight brings Reggie Bush-like versatility to the table as a triple-threat runner, receiver and return man.

The offensive line will miss All-America center Ryan Kalil, but two-time All-America tackle Sam Baker will assume the leadership role with a group that looks as if it will be quicker and more athletic than last year.

Defense This has a chance to be the finest defensive unit of the Pete Carroll era — which has produced a 65-12 record over six seasons. Ten of the 11 starters who overpowered Michigan's offense in the Rose Bowl return, led by All-America candidates at every level. Tackle Sedrick Ellis is a monster in the middle; linebackers Rey Mauluga and Keith Rivers are Butkus Award-caliber playmakers; and safety Taylor Mays brings a rare combination of size (6'4", 225), speed and aggressiveness to the gridiron. Brian Cushing, who will move from end to strong-side linebacker, was the defensive MVP of the Rose Bowl.

Then there is the arrival of Everson Griffen, the 6'3", 265-pound true freshman end who might be the best defensive player Carroll has recruited. Griffen runs like a tailback and is likely to be in the rotation up front right from the beginning.

Specialists Placekicker Mario Danelo died in an offseason accident, leaving a major hole to fill, but David Buehler stepped into the placekicking role and had a good spring. Greg Woidneck returns as the punter, and with McKnight and Patterson to complement Desmond Reed, Gable and others, the return teams should be fun to watch.

Final Analysis Expectations soar higher than the top row of the L.A. Memorial Coliseum these days. If USC doesn't make it to the BCS title game, the season is a disappointment.

But the Trojans have a far more demanding schedule. A year ago, the Trojans played Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oregon and Cal at home, where USC has a 33-game winning streak. This season, Coach Carroll's team will have to play them all on the road.

If the defense that overwhelmed Michigan continues to dominate, USC will be favored to win every game. And if the Trojans are able to navigate a difficult schedule, they will be headed to New Orleans to play in their third BCS national title game in four years.

NATIONAL FORECAST

PAC-10 PREDICTION

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John David Booty

Offense (5)

WR	1 Patrick Turner (Jr.)	9 David Ausberry (Fr.)
WR	7 Vidal Hazelton (So.)	17 Travon Patterson (So.)
LT	79 Sam Baker (Sr.)	68 Butch Lewis (Fr.)
LG	53 Jeff Byers (Jr.)	70 Alatini Malu (Sr.)
C	69 Matt Spanos (Sr.)	76 Nick Howell (So.)
RG	66 Chilo Rachal (Jr.)	77 Thomas Herring (So.)
RT	60 Drew Radovich (Sr.)	71 Charles Brown (So.)
TE	83 Fred Davis (Sr.)	88 Jimmy Miller (Jr.)
QB	10 John David Booty (Sr.)	6 Mark Sanchez (So.)
FB	31 Stanley Havili (Fr.)	Jordan Campbell (Fr.)
RB	23 Chauncey Washington (Sr.)	2 C.J. Gable (So.)

Defense (10)

DE	96 Lawrence Jackson (Sr.)	97 Alex Morrow (Sr.)
DT	49 Sedrick Ellis (Sr.)	99 Averell Spicer (So.)
DT	75 Fili Moala (Jr.)	91 Chris Barrett (Sr.)
DE	84 Kyle Moore (Jr.)	Everson Griffen (Fr.)
SLB	10 Brian Cushing (Jr.)	47 Clay Matthews (Jr.)
MLB	58 Rey Mauluga (Jr.)	41 Thomas Williams (Sr.)
WLB	55 Keith Rivers (Sr.)	43 Kaluka Maiava (Jr.)
CB	28 Terrell Thomas (Sr.)	24 Shareece Wright (So.)
CB	7 Cary Harris (Jr.)	15 Kevin Thomas (Jr.)
SS	4 Kevin Ellison (Jr.)	9 Mozique McCurtis (Jr.)
FS	2 Taylor Mays (So.)	36 Josh Pinkard (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	18 David Buehler (Jr.)	KR	2 C.J. Gable (So.)
P	44 Greg Woidneck (Jr.)	PR	22 Desmond Reed (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: John David Booty, 436-269-3,347-9, 29 TDs
Rushing: Chauncey Washington, 157 car., 744 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Fred Davis, 38 rec., 352 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Keith Rivers, 85, 47 solo; Rey Mauluga, 78, 45 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 4.5
Interceptions: Taylor Mays, 3 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Idaho	W
S. 15	at Nebraska	W
S. 22	Washington State	W
S. 29	at Washington	W
O. 6	Stanford	W
O. 13	Arizona	W
O. 20	at Notre Dame	W
O. 27	at Oregon	W
N. 3	Oregon State	W
N. 10	at California	*
N. 22	at Arizona State	W
D. 1	UCLA	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Arkansas	W	50-14
S. 16	Nebraska	W	28-10
S. 23	at Arizona	W	20-3
S. 30	at Washington State	W	28-22
O. 7	Washington	W	26-20
O. 14	Arizona State	W	28-21
O. 28	at Oregon State	L	31-33
N. 4	at Stanford	W	42-0
N. 11	Oregon	W	35-10
N. 18	California	W	23-9
N. 25	Notre Dame	W	44-24
D. 2	at UCLA	L	9-13
J. 1	#at Michigan	W	32-18

#Rose Bowl

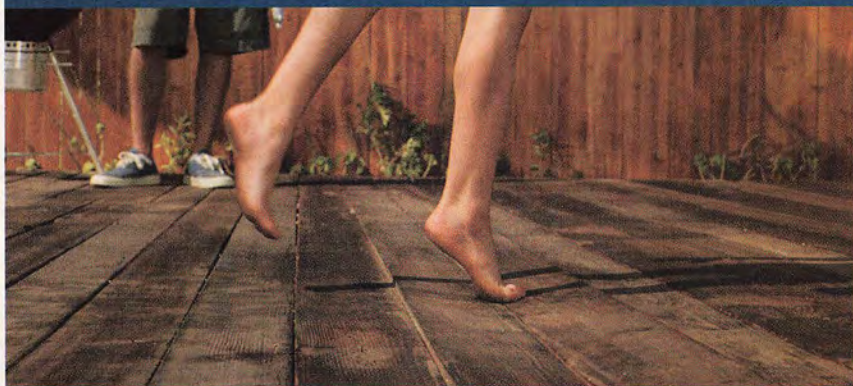
2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	18
Rushing	128.0 ypg	68
Passing	263.9 ypg	14
Total	391.9 ypg	21
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.2 ppg	11
Rushing	91.1 ypg	9
Passing	204.8 ypg	64
Total	295.9 ypg	20
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	38

Head Coach: Pete Carroll

2006 Record (Pac-10): 11-2 (7-2)

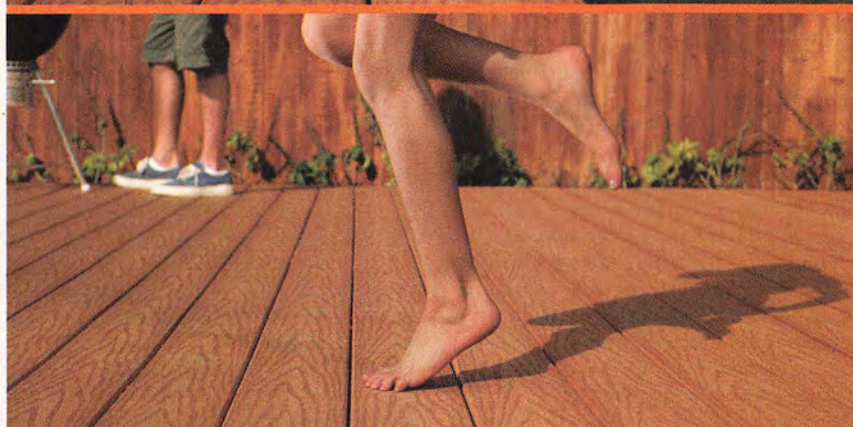
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LONGHORNS

Offense Texas didn't know if it had a quarterback going into last season. Now, it may have one of the nation's best thanks to a record-setting rookie campaign by Colt McCoy, who tied an NCAA mark for freshmen with 29 TD passes. McCoy will throw to the deepest group of receivers Mack Brown has had in 10 years as coach. That group is led by Limas Sweed, who tied Roy Williams' 2002 single-season record for TD receptions with 12 in 2006.

The passing game is the good news. The running game and the offensive line's ability to protect McCoy are the question marks. Texas struggled to run the ball consistently last year, and that was with three of the best interior linemen in school history — All-American right guard Justin Blalock, center Lyle Sendlein and left guard Kasey Studdard. They have moved on. Three new faces on the line could make things tough for running back Jamaal Charles, who averaged 7.4 yards per carry as a freshman and 5.3 as a sophomore.

Freshman quarterback John Chiles, a gifted runner, could help the ground game by executing the team's zone-read, shotgun offense in certain situations.

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The Texas defense must cut down on the big play this year. Last season, the final 15 touchdown passes allowed by the Longhorns' defense averaged 32.2 yards.

Defense Texas had the nation's third-ranked run defense in 2006, setting a school record for rushing yards allowed per game (61.2). But UT also had the 99th-ranked pass defense (236.2 ypg), giving up a school-record 3,071 yards through the air.

The person calling plays on defense this season is Mack Brown's longtime secondary

coach, Duane Akina, who was promoted after Gene Chizik left to become head coach at Iowa State. Akina has developed the last two Thorpe Award winners (Aaron Ross in 2006 and Michael Huff in 2005) and shouldn't be blamed for last season's pass defense woes. Spotty play at linebacker forced defensive backs to over-commit to stopping the run, making the defensive backs susceptible to play-action fakes. Akina also figures to be more aggressive with blitzes than Chizik, who preferred to rush four in a base defense.

There is tons of proven experience on the defensive line, led by tackles Derek Lokey, Roy Miller and Frank Okam. There is good competition at linebacker, but the secondary must replace three starters, including Ross and All-Big 12 safety Michael Griffin, the team's leading tackler the last two years.

Larry Mac Duff, who coached Arizona's Desert Swarm with Akina in the early 1990s, was brought in to coach linebackers and serve as Akina's co-defensive coordinator.

Specialists Walk-on junior Ryan Bailey will handle field goals after being discovered last season on a game-winning, 22-yarder at Nebraska. Bailey got in because of an injury to then-senior starter Greg Johnson. After Bailey, Texas lacks proven experience throughout its special teams with new faces kicking off, punting, returning and even long-snapping.

Final Analysis Texas has a very manageable non-conference schedule, which should help the Longhorns get valuable experience on the offensive line and in the secondary before Big 12 play. Outside of Oklahoma, the two toughest games could be on the road at Oklahoma State and Texas A&M — both in November. If UT can win those, the Longhorns can win the Big 12 and get into the BCS mix. But if Texas can't run the ball or stop the pass any better than last season, the Longhorns could lose three or more games for the second straight year.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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Colt McCoy

Offense (7)

WR	4	Limas Sweed (Sr.)	9	Nate Jones (Sr.)
WR	5	Billy Pittman (Sr.)	8	Jordan Shipley (Jr.)
WR	6	Quan Cosby (Jr.)	84	George Walker (Jr.)
LT	79	Tony Hills (Sr.)	73	J'Marcus Webb (So.)
LG	52	Charlie Tanner (So.)	63	Michael Huey (Fr.)
C	67	Dallas Griffin (Sr.)	65	Buck Burnette (Fr.)
RG	55	Cedric Dockery (Jr.)	71	Chris Hall (So.)
RT	74	Adam Ulatoski (So.)	78	Roy Watts (Fr.)
TE	16	Jermichael Finley (So.)	86	Peter Ullman (Jr.)
QB	12	Colt McCoy (So.)	7	John Chiles (Fr.)
RB	25	Jamaal Charles (Jr.)	3	Chris Ogbonnaya (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	95	Aaron Lewis (Jr.)	37	Henry Melton (Jr.)
DT	96	Derek Lokey (Sr.)	92	Ben Alexander (So.)
DT	97	Frank Okam (Sr.)	99	Roy Miller (Jr.)
DE	98	Brian Orakpo (Jr.)	36	Lamar Houston (So.)
SLB	40	Robert Killebrew (Sr.)	2	Sergio Kindle (So.)
MLB	44	Rashad Bobino (Jr.)	11	Jared Norton (So.)
WLB	38	Rod Muckelroy (So.)	33	Scott Derry (Sr.)
CB	28	Brandon Foster (Sr.)	8	Chykie Brown (Fr.)
CB	13	Ryan Palmer (Jr.)	7	Deon Beasley (So.)
SS	21	Erick Jackson (Sr.)	12	Robert Joseph (So.)
FS	26	Marcus Griffin (Sr.)	4	Drew Kelson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	39	Ryan Bailey (Jr.)	KR	6	Quan Cosby (Jr.)
P	39	Ryan Bailey (Jr.)	PR	6	Quan Cosby (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Colt McCoy, 318-217, 2,570-7, 29 TDs
Rushing: Jamaal Charles, 156 car., 831 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Limas Sweed, 46 rec., 801 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles: Marcus Griffin, 90, 54 solo
Sacks: Brian Orakpo, 4.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Arkansas State	W
S. 8	TCU	W
S. 15	at UCF	W
S. 22	Rice	W
S. 29	Kansas State	W
O. 6	#Oklahoma	*
O. 13	at Iowa State	W
O. 20	at Baylor	W
O. 27	Nebraska	W
N. 3	at Oklahoma State	W
N. 10	Texas Tech	W
N. 23	at Texas A&M	W
	#Dallas, TX	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	North Texas	W	56-7
S. 9	Ohio State	L	7-24
S. 16	at Rice	W	52-7
S. 23	Iowa State	W	37-14
S. 30	Sam Houston State	W	56-3
O. 7	at Oklahoma	W	28-10
O. 14	Baylor	W	63-31
O. 21	at Nebraska	W	22-20
O. 28	at Texas Tech	W	35-31
N. 4	Oklahoma State	W	36-10
N. 11	at Kansas State	L	42-45
N. 24	Texas A&M	L	7-12
D. 30	#at Iowa	W	26-24
	#Alamo Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.9 ppg	6
Rushing	162.6 ypg	34
Passing	228.9 ypg	33
Total	391.5 ypg	22
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	26
Rushing	61.2 ypg	3
Passing	236.2 ypg	99
Total	297.4 ypg	22
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	13

Head Coach: Mack Brown

2006 Record (Big 12): 10-3 (6-2)

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Offense With a new quarterback and offensive coordinator, the Tigers will have a new look and a ton of talent to work with. Fifth-year senior Matt Flynn and sophomore Ryan Perrilloux will battle for the quarterback job. Flynn is the frontrunner after patiently waiting behind JaMarcus Russell for this chance. New offensive coordinator Gary Crowton is known for operating a spread offense, but third-year LSU head coach Les Miles says he will merge his offensive philosophy with Crowton's to produce a hybrid.

There is no shortage of options in the backfield. Four backs return who played major roles last season: Jacob Hester (team-high 440 yards, 6 rushing TDs), Keiland Williams (436, 5), Alley Broussard (281, 4) and Charles Scott (277, 5). Redshirt freshman Richard Murphy emerged in the spring to muddle the situation even more. Murphy may be the fastest LSU back and led all rushers with 85 yards in the spring game.

Receiver Early Doucet could be LSU's most dynamic player. Doucet grabbed 59 receptions for 772 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago. Sophomore Brandon LaFell lacks experience but has a ton of potential.

Center Brett Helms, left guard Herman Johnson and left tackle Ciron Black return to form the nucleus on the offensive front, and all three are All-SEC-caliber blockers.

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JaMarcus Russell's departure for the NFL left LSU with two scholarship quarterbacks on the roster at the end of the school year. Between them, fifth-year senior Matt Flynn and redshirt sophomore Ryan Perrilloux have made one career start.

Defense LSU's defense has been one of the country's top units the last few years, and this group may be the best yet. Senior tackle Glenn

Dorsey and junior end Tyson Jackson form a dominant tandem and will anchor a front four that will set the tone for a defense expected to be among the best in the nation.

All three starters return at linebacker — Luke Sanders, Darry Beckwith and Ali Highsmith — to provide the backbone of LSU's defense. Linebackers in coordinator Bo Pelini's defense will play a major role this season because of a rebuilt right side of the line and two new safeties. Sanders, Beckwith and Highsmith will be leaned on to clean up more completely and more often.

Seniors Jonathan Zenon and Chevis Jackson are back at the corners. Zenon and Jackson have blossomed into top-notch cover men the last two years and should allow Pelini to use as much man-to-man coverage as he wants.

Senior Craig Steltz will finally be the starter at strong safety after filling in there much of last season and in nickel and dime formations. Steltz matched Zenon for the team lead in interceptions with four.

Specialists Doucet and speedy Trindon Holliday will tend to the bulk of return duties, giving the Tigers lightning-in-a-bottle potential whenever they set up in return formation. Colt David returns as the primary kicker after connecting on 8-of-13 field goals and 50-of-51 extra points a year ago.

Final Analysis After consecutive 11–2 seasons and impressive bowl victories over Miami and Notre Dame, the Tigers go into the 2007 season with lofty but realistic expectations of battling for the national championship.

A suffocating defense, a revamped coaching staff, a third straight top-10 recruiting class and a favorable home schedule (Auburn, Florida and Arkansas at home) give Miles plenty of reason for optimism.

"We're going to have a very good football team," Miles says. "We're looking forward to this season and feel like we've got a chance to do special things."



Early Doucet

Offense (5)

WR	9 Early Doucet (Sr.)	Terrance Toliver (Fr.)
WR	1 Brandon LaFell (So.)	Jared Mitchell (So.)
LT	70 Ciron Black (So.)	52 Cole Louviere (Jr.)
LG	79 Herman Johnson (Jr.)	64 Matt Allen (Fr.)
C	74 Brett Helms (Jr.)	T-Bob Hebert (Fr.)
RG	65 Lyle Hitt (So.)	55 Andrew Decker (So.)
RT	71 Carnell Stewart (Sr.)	67 Mark Snyder (Fr.)
TE	89 Keith Zinger (Sr.)	82 Richard Dickson (So.)
QB	15 Matt Flynn (Sr.)	11 Ryan Perrilloux (So.)
FB	18 Jacob Hester (Sr.)	40 Shawn Jordan (Sr.)
RB	5 Keiland Williams (So.)	22 Alley Broussard (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	93 Tyson Jackson (Jr.)	49 Kirston Pittman (Sr.)
DT	72 Glenn Dorsey (Sr.)	97 Al Woods (So.)
DT	91 Charles Alexander (Jr.)	99 Marlon Favorite (Jr.)
DE	84 Rahim Alem (So.)	47 Tremaine Johnson (Jr.)
BLB	35 Luke Sanders (Jr.)	56 Perry Riley (So.)
MLB	48 Darry Beckwith (Jr.)	54 Jacob Cutrera (So.)
WLB	7 Ali Highsmith (Sr.)	11 Kelvin Sheppard (Fr.)
CB	19 Jonathan Zenon (Sr.)	29 Chris Hawkins (So.)
CB	21 Chevis Jackson (Sr.)	4 Jai Eugene (Fr.)
SS	16 Craig Steltz (Sr.)	43 Harry Coleman (So.)
FS	27 Curtis Taylor (Jr.)	44 Danny McCray (So.)

Special Teams

K	6 Colt David (Jr.)	KR	9 Early Doucet (Jr.)
P	36 Patrick Fisher (Sr.)	PR	9 Early Doucet (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Flynn, 20-12-133-1, 2 TDs
Rushing: Jacob Hester, 94 car., 440 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Early Doucet, 59 rec., 772 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles: Darry Beckwith, 65, 29 solo; Glenn Dorsey, 64, 22 solo
Sacks: Tyson Jackson, 8.5
Interceptions: Craig Steltz, 4; Jonathan Zenon, 4

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	at Mississippi State	W
S. 8	Virginia Tech	*
S. 15	Middle Tennessee	W
S. 22	South Carolina	W
S. 29	at Tulane	W
O. 6	Florida	*
O. 13	at Kentucky	W
O. 20	Auburn	W
N. 3	at Alabama	W
N. 10	Louisiana Tech	W
N. 17	at Ole Miss	W
N. 23	Arkansas	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	UL Lafayette	W	45–3
S. 9	Arizona	W	45–3
S. 16	at Auburn	L	3–7
S. 23	Tulane	W	49–7
S. 30	Mississippi State	W	48–17
O. 7	at Florida	L	10–23
O. 14	Kentucky	W	49–0
O. 21	Fresno State	W	38–6
N. 4	at Tennessee	W	28–24
N. 11	Alabama	W	28–14
N. 18	Ole Miss (ot)	W	23–20
N. 24	at Arkansas	W	31–26
J. 3	#Notre Dame	W	41–14
	#Sugar Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.7 ppg	9
Rushing	165.8 ypg	31
Passing	251.7 ypg	18
Total	417.5 ypg	11
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	12.6 ppg	4
Rushing	97.1 ypg	14
Passing	145.7 ypg	3
Total	242.8 ypg	3
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Les Miles

2006 Record (SEC): 11–2 (9–2)

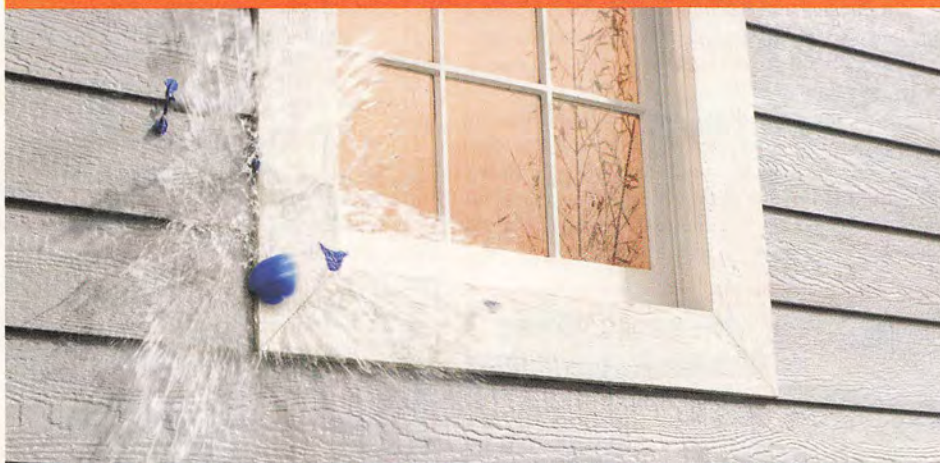
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WISCONSIN BADGERS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

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Offense Coordinator Paul Chryst doesn't face many personnel issues, but the two on his mind are huge. Chryst must find a replacement for quarterback John Stocco — who in three seasons as a starter recorded a 29-7 record with more than 7,200 passing yards and 47 touchdown passes. Chryst must also survive without left tackle Joe Thomas, a three-year starter who routinely shut down his man without any help and last season won the Outland Trophy.

Fifth-year senior Tyler Donovan and junior Allan Evridge, a transfer from Kansas State, will battle in camp for the starting quarterback job. Donovan is more familiar with the offense, but Evridge — who started six games as a redshirt freshman at K-State in 2005 — has a stronger arm and should eventually win the job.

No one will replace Thomas this season. Still, expect Chryst and the staff to keep the offense humming. A year ago at this time, Chryst faced the prospect of replacing eight starters from a unit that set school record for points (446) and scoring average (34.3 ppg). That revamped offense generated 380 points, an average of 29.2 points per game.

linebacker. If sophomore safeties Shane Carter and Aubrey Pleasant can learn quickly and limit mistakes in their first season as starters, the defense could be as stingy as it was in 2006. Wisconsin finished second nationally in scoring defense (12.1 ppg) last year.

Specialists These units could hold the key to the level of success enjoyed in 2007. The return games were abysmal last season and must improve. Wisconsin finished last in the league on kickoff returns (15.0-yard average) and ninth on punt returns (6.6-yard average). The race to handle both duties will be wide open in camp.

By contrast, the Badgers should field the best combination of punter and kicker in the league. Senior Taylor Mehlhaff made 15-of-20 field-goal attempts, including 10-of-11 from 39 yards and in, and recorded touchbacks on 55.3 percent of his kickoffs. Senior punter Ken DeBauche had a mediocre season by his standards, yet his 41.8-yard average was still fourth-best in the conference.

Final Analysis Bret Bielema raised the bar of expectations only a few inches from the ceiling by guiding Wisconsin to a 12-1 record and top-10 finish in all the major polls in his rookie season as head coach. Where do you go from there? Win the Big Ten title and play in the Rose Bowl, or perhaps even the BCS title game.

Bielema's staff, which is a mix of veterans and rising young stars, proved its worth last season. The game plans were sound, the adjustments were timely and the players were motivated and disciplined each week. There is no evidence to suggest the Badgers will suffer a dropoff this season, although the schedule is more demanding.

If the personnel issues can be adequately addressed — the staff appears confident they can be — 2007 could be a special season. Injuries and luck play a role every season, but this team possesses the talent and coaching to win every game on its schedule.



P.J. Hill

Offense (9)

WR 19 Paul Hubbard (Sr.)	10 Isaac Anderson (So.)
WR 1 Luke Swan (Sr.)	2 Xavier Harris (So.)
LT 78 Jake Bscherer (So.)	68 Gabe Carimi (Fr.)
LG 75 Andy Kemp (Jr.)	74 John Moffitt (Fr.)
C 65 Marcus Coleman (Sr.)	58 Brad Thorson (Fr.)
RG 63 Kraig Urbik (Jr.)	76 Bill Nagy (Fr.)
RT 71 Eric Vanden Heuvel (Jr.)	68 Danny Kaye (Sr.)
TE 9 Travis Beckum (Jr.)	43 Andy Crooks (Sr.)
QB 4 Allan Evridge (Jr.)	12 Tyler Donovan (Sr.)
FB 44 Chris Pressley (Jr.)	34 Bill Rentmeester (Jr.)
RB 39 P.J. Hill (So.)	5 Lance Smith (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 34 Kurt Ware (Sr.)	45 Kirk DeCramer (Fr.)
DT 91 Jason Chapman (Jr.)	79 Jeff Stehle (So.)
DT 96 Nick Hayden (Sr.)	54 Mike Newkirk (Jr.)
DE 92 Matt Shaughnessy (Jr.)	5 Jamal Cooper (Sr.)
SLB 11 DeAndre Levy (Jr.)	14 Culmer St. Jean (Fr.)
MLB 52 Elijah Hodge (So.)	48 Josh Neal (Jr.)
WLB 2 Jonathan Casillas (Jr.)	47 Jaeverly McFadden (So.)
CB 17 Allen Langford (Jr.)	8 Josh Nettles (So.)
CB 6 Jack Ikegwuonu (Jr.)	3 Ben Strickland (Sr.)
SS 28 Aubrey Pleasant (So.)	15 Jay Valai (Fr.)
FS 25 Shane Carter (So.)	32 Kim Royston (So.)

Special Teams

K 10 Taylor Mehlhaff (Sr.)	KR 8 Josh Nettles (So.)
P 94 Ken DeBauche (Sr.)	PR 13 Marcus Randle El (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tyler Donovan, 58-37-564-2, 4 TDs
Rushing: P.J. Hill, 311 car., 1,569 yds., 15 TDs
Receiving: Travis Beckum, 61 rec., 903 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Jonathan Casillas, 83, 53 solo
Sacks: DeAndre Levy, 6
Interceptions: Allen Langford, 3 for 9 yds.

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Ric Fogel

8 Wisconsin quarterbacks have only eight college starts. Fifth-year senior Tyler Donovan started twice last season. Meanwhile, transfer Allan Evridge started six games at Kansas State in 2005.

Defense There are few nagging questions on this side of the ball, too. The Badgers lost a valuable leader and gritty player in end Joe Monty, but there is enough talent and depth to make the line again a strength of the defense. Sophomore Elijah Hodge — the brother of Packers linebacker Abdul Hodge — appears capable of stepping in for the departed Mark Zalewski and taking over the defense at middle

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Washington State	W
S. 8 at UNLV	W
S. 15 The Citadel	W
S. 22 Iowa	W
S. 29 Michigan State	W
O. 6 at Illinois	W
O. 13 at Penn State	W
O. 20 Northern Illinois	W
O. 27 Indiana	W
N. 3 at Ohio State	*
N. 10 Michigan	*
N. 17 at Minnesota	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Bowling Green	W 35-14
S. 9 Western Illinois	W 34-10
S. 16 San Diego State	W 14-0
S. 23 at Michigan	L 13-27
S. 30 at Indiana	W 52-17
O. 7 Northwestern	W 41-9
O. 14 Minnesota	W 48-12
O. 21 at Purdue	W 24-3
O. 28 Illinois	W 30-24
N. 4 Penn State	W 13-3
N. 11 at Iowa	W 24-21
N. 18 Buffalo	W 35-3
J. 1 #Arkansas	W 17-14

#Capital One Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	26
Rushing	161.7 ypg	37
Passing	211.5 ypg	50
Total	373.2 ypg	35
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	12.1 ppg	2
Rushing	114.8 ypg	34
Passing	138.3 ypg	2
Total	253.1 ypg	5
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Bret Bielema

2006 Record (Big Ten): 12-1 (7-1)

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WEST VIRGINIA

MOUNTAINEERS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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Offense West Virginia has skill to burn this season. Both Steve Slaton and Pat White are legitimate Heisman Trophy candidates. Owen Schmitt is a bull at fullback. And Darius Reynaud is a threat both running and receiving from the slot position.

White is the returning Big East Offensive Player of the Year. Perhaps the nation's fastest quarterback, he also is a surprisingly efficient passer. With one more attempt last season, he would have ranked among the nation's top 12 in passing efficiency. White was also the nation's No. 16 rusher (101.6-yard average). Slaton, recovering from wrist surgery, is also blazing fast at tailback. The Mountaineers have no proven backup, although late signee Noel Devine could prove to be another serious threat. The receiving corps is a sore spot. Only Reynaud is a proven playmaker.

WVU, though, is a running team out of its spread attack. The Mountaineers had the nation's No. 2 rushing attack last season and have talent returning along the offensive line. The questions are whether Mike Dent can effectively replace Rimington Award winner Dan Mozes at center and whether ex-South Florida assistant Greg Frey can replace line guru Rick Trickett, who bolted to Florida State. Second-team All-Big East left tackle Ryan Stanchek will have to provide leadership.

The only concern is whether Doug Slavonic, who played in seven games last season, can handle the nose position.

WVU lost some speed at linebacker when Kevin "Boo" McLee left. The Mountaineer coaches believe that speed can be replaced by newcomer J.T. Thomas. West Virginia also has a trio of rugged and intelligent linebackers in middle men Reed Williams and Bobby Hathaway and outside man Marc Magro. At the strong-side backer position, look for Johnny Holmes, who played out of position last season in the secondary.

WVU's secondary may have cost the school a run at a national title in 2006. But Larry Williams and Antonio Lewis may again line up as the starting cornerbacks. Junior college transfers Ellis Lankster and Tony Wood offer hope. Bandit Eric Wicks, a first-team All-Big East selection, is strong.

Specialists Junior Pat McAfee stole the kicking show last season. And he'll most likely continue to handle both the placekicking and punting duties in 2007. WVU lost reliable long snapper Tim Lindsey, but the coaches feel good about replacement Adam Hughes. The return unit is a team strength.

Final Analysis The West Virginia program is on a roll. Back-to-back postseason wins at the Sugar Bowl and Gator Bowl. Slaton and White back in the fold. And this season the Mountaineers have Big East nemesis Louisville in Morgantown. In order to make the next step, though, WVU needs to shore up its defense, especially its porous secondary.

West Virginia's schedule is relatively soft, although the Mountaineers play only two of their first six games at home. WVU also plays at Maryland, South Florida and Rutgers. But the end of the season brings home games against Louisville, Connecticut and Pitt. If West Virginia can make it to October without a loss, look for the Mountaineers to contend for a Big East and, possibly, a national title.

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West Virginia has won 30 games over the past three seasons, the best three-year total in school history.

Defense The defensive line is one of West Virginia's strongest units. Four lettermen return, including tackle Keilen Dykes, who considered jumping to the NFL after last season. Dykes, a 6'5", 295-pound senior, was a first-team All-Big East selection last season. And running mate Johnny Dingle, who had 5.5 tackles for a loss, is back at defensive end.



Steve Slaton

Offense (6)

WR	83 Tito Gonzales (Jr.)	21 Dorrell Jalloh (Jr.)
WR	4 Wes Lyons (So.)	12 Nate Sowers (So.)
WR	2 Darius Reynaud (Sr.)	28 Jeremy Bruce (Jr.)
LT	62 Ryan Stanchek (Jr.)	84 Selvish Capers (Jr.)
LG	79 Greg Isdamer (So.)	74 Derek Hayes (Fr.)
C	68 Mike Dent (Jr.)	61 Eric Jobe (Fr.)
RG	70 Eric Rodemeyer (Fr.)	72 John Bradshaw (Jr.)
RT	73 Jake Figner (Jr.)	78 Frank Carduff (So.)
TE	88 Mike Villagrana (Sr.)	20 Brandon Tate (Sr.)
QB	5 Pat White (Jr.)	16 Jarrett Brown (So.)
TB	10 Steve Slaton (Jr.)	32 Ed Collington (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	92 Johnny Dingle (Sr.)	93 Scooter Berry (Fr.)
NT	91 Doug Slavonic (Jr.)	99 Thor Merrow (Fr.)
DT	96 Keilen Dykes (Sr.)	95 James Ingram (So.)
SLB	1 Johnny Holmes (Jr.)	44 Mortty Ivy (Jr.)
MLB	47 Reed Williams (Jr.)	55 Bobby Hathaway (Sr.)
WLB	30 J.T. Thomas (Fr.)	49 Ovid Goulbourne (So.)
CB	6 Antonio Lewis (Sr.)	37 Ellis Lankster (Jr.)
CB	3 Larry Williams (Sr.)	19 Vaughn Rivers (Sr.)
SS	22 Ridwan Malik (Sr.)	18 Sidney Glover (Fr.)
BS	41 Eric Wicks (Sr.)	15 Charles Pugh (Jr.)
FS	8 Quinton Andrews (So.)	20 Boogie Allen (So.)

Special Teams

K	40 Pat McAfee (Jr.)	KR	6 Antonio Lewis (Sr.)
P	40 Pat McAfee (Jr.)	PR	19 Vaughn Rivers (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Pat White, 179-118-1,655-7, 13 TDs
Rushing: Steve Slaton, 248 car., 1,744 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving: Darius Reynaud, 39 rec., 520 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Quinton Andrews, 80, 46 solo, Eric Wicks, 73, 45 solo
Sacks: Eric Wicks, 7
Interceptions: Quinton Andrews, 5 for 67 yds.
(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Western Michigan	W
S. 8	at Marshall	W
S. 13	at Maryland	W
S. 22	East Carolina	W
S. 29	at South Florida	W
O. 6	at Syracuse	W
O. 20	Mississippi State	W
O. 27	at Rutgers	*
N. 8	Louisville	*
N. 17	at Cincinnati	W
N. 24	Connecticut	W
D. 1	Pittsburgh	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Marshall	W	42-10
S. 9	Eastern Washington	W	52-3
S. 14	Maryland	W	45-24
S. 23	at East Carolina	W	27-10
O. 7	at Mississippi State	W	42-14
O. 14	Syracuse	W	41-17
O. 20	at Connecticut	W	37-11
N. 2	at Louisville	L	34-44
N. 11	Cincinnati	W	42-24
N. 16	at Pittsburgh	W	45-27
N. 25	South Florida	L	19-24
D. 2	Rutgers	W	41-39
J. 1	#Georgia Tech	W	38-35
	#Gator Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.9 ppg	3
Rushing	303.0 ypg	2
Passing	158.4 ypg	100
Total	461.4 ypg	5
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.7 ppg	49
Rushing	93.3 ypg	13
Passing	243.3 ypg	109
Total	336.6 ypg	62
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.54	25

Head Coach: Rich Rodriguez

2006 Record (Big East): 11-2 (5-2)



FLORIDA

GATORS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

6
1

Offense There is no quarterback controversy at Florida. From the moment he committed in December 2005, Tim Tebow was ordained to replace Chris Leak. Still, that succession brings its own set of issues. Last year, Tebow was universally beloved as Leak's hard-charging backup, and the pair helped Florida to a national title. This season, Tebow will shoulder all the pressure and endure all the criticism that comes with starting at Florida.

But like Leak last year, Tebow won't have the position to himself. Florida coaches had such success last year using the option-ready Tebow to spell dropback passer Leak that they intend to do it again this season. Tebow will assume a more conventional passing role, and 6'5", 242-pound freshman Cameron Newton likely will take over Tebow's old job of mauling opposing defenders on critical short-yardage plays. As the starter, Tebow can't risk injury by crashing through the defensive line every other play.

"I'd like two quarterbacks," Florida coach Urban Meyer says. "(Offensive coordinator) Dan (Mullen) and I have talked about it. In this conference with the style of offense we play and the styles of defense, the quarterback will get hit."

Defense Bill Belichick gave Meyer a little advice in March about defending a title with young players after losing a group of veterans. In the process, the New England Patriots' coach provided the perfect analogy for Florida's defensive roster. "A lot of these younger guys," Belichick told Meyer, "woke up on third base and didn't hit the triple."

Florida must replace some formidable defensive talent, including the "eraser" who allowed coaches to gamble (free safety Reggie Nelson), the unit's emotional leader (linebacker Brandon Siler) and a defensive end so fast that opposing coaches had to gameplan around him (Jarvis Moss). Some of those replacements — linebacker Brandon Spikes, defensive end/tackle Lawrence Marsh — seem ready for the challenge. Others have yet to emerge. The Gators will need to find two quality cornerbacks, as well as defensive tackles who can push the middle and allow the linebackers behind them to make plays.

Specialists Florida has one of the nation's best kick returners in Brandon James. James averaged 11 yards per punt return and 18.2 yards per kickoff return as a freshman. Senior Joey Iijas and junior Jonathan Phillips will compete for the field-goal job vacated by Chris Hetland, and Iijas wowed the spring-game crowd of 47,500 by booting a 60-yarder. The Gators hope incoming freshman Chas Henry will win the punting job; the graduation of Eric Wilbur left Florida without a reliable punter.

Final Analysis The Gators should compete for the SEC title again this season, but Meyer wants to make sure they don't rest on the success of last season. He believes his team must strive to surpass last season or risk a regression. "There's no sustaining. If you're sustaining, you're losing. You're going backward," Meyer says. "We're building. We're growing. We're moving. We're not sitting back trying to figure out how to enjoy this. We're trying to figure out how to build upon it."



Tim Tebow

Offense (5)

WR	5 Andre Caldwell (Sr.)	86 Riley Cooper (So.)
WR	1 Percy Harvin (So.)	11 Jarred Fayson (So.)
WR	9 Louis Murphy (Jr.)	87 Justin Williams (Fr.)
LT	73 Carlton Medder (Sr.)	57 Carl Johnson (Fr.)
LG	63 Jim Tartt (Jr.)	55 Mike Pouncey (Fr.)
C	67 Drew Miller (Sr.)	68 Jim Barrie (Fr.)
RG	74 Maurice Hurt (Fr.)	56 Maurkice Pouncey (Fr.)
RT	75 Phil Trautwein (Sr.)	77 Jason Watkins (Jr.)
TE	7 Cornelius Ingram (Jr.)	84 Tate Casey (Sr.)
QB	15 Tim Tebow (So.)	13 Cameron Newton (Fr.)
RB	33 Kestahn Moore (Jr.)	27 Mon Williams (So.)

Defense (1)

DE	91 Derrick Harvey (Jr.)	90 Lawrence Marsh (Fr.)
DT	98 Clint McMillan (Sr.)	49 Brandon Antwine (So.)
DT	93 Javier Estopinan (Jr.)	92 Terron Sanders (Fr.)
DE	49 Jermaine Cunningham (So.)	80 Trent Pupello (Fr.)
SLB	32 Dustin Doe (So.)	Brandon Hicks (Fr.)
MLB	51 Brandon Spikes (So.)	53 Jamaal Deveaux (So.)
WLB	16 A.J. Jones (Fr.)	41 Ryan Stamper (So.)
CB	12 Joe Haden (Fr.)	2 Markus Manson (Jr.)
CB	14 Markihe Anderson (So.)	4 Wondy Pierre-Louis (So.)
SS	19 Tony Joiner (Sr.)	20 Dorian Munroe (So.)
FS	3 Kyle Jackson (Sr.)	31 Bryan Thomas (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	98 Joey Iijas (Sr.)	KR	25 Brandon James (So.)
P	Chas Henry (Fr.)	PR	25 Brandon James (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tim Tebow, 33-22-358-1, 5 TDs
Rushing: Tim Tebow, 89 car., 469 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Andre Caldwell, 57 rec., 577 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Tony Joiner, 59, 31 solo; Derrick Harvey, 35, 24 solo
Sacks: Derrick Harvey, 11
Interceptions: Tony Joiner, 2 for 0 yds.
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

1 Only one current Florida defensive player started every game in 2006. Strong safety Tony Joiner started all 14 games, while defensive end Derrick Harvey started five. Florida's remaining defenders have combined for five career starts.

Tebow and Newton should have plenty of targets. Receiver Andre Caldwell could have entered the NFL Draft, but he returned for his senior season. Sophomore Percy Harvin can line up at receiver, tailback or under center, and he averaged 11.4 yards per touch as a freshman. Add a veteran offensive line, and the Gators should pile up yards and points this season.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Western Kentucky	W
S. 8	Troy	W
S. 15	Tennessee	W
S. 22	at Ole Miss	W
S. 29	Auburn	W
O. 6	at LSU	*
O. 20	at Kentucky	W
O. 27	#Georgia	*
N. 3	Vanderbilt	W
N. 10	at South Carolina	W
N. 17	Florida Atlantic	W
N. 24	Florida State	W
	#Jacksonville, FL	

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Southern Miss	W	34-7
S. 9	UCF	W	42-0
S. 16	at Tennessee	W	21-20
S. 23	Kentucky	W	26-7
S. 30	Alabama	W	28-13
O. 7	LSU	W	23-10
O. 14	at Auburn	L	17-27
O. 28	Georgia	W	21-14
N. 4	at Vanderbilt	W	25-19
N. 11	South Carolina	W	17-16
N. 18	Western Carolina	W	62-0
N. 25	at Florida State	W	21-14
D. 2	Arkansas	W	38-28
J. 8	#Ohio State	W	41-14
	#BCS National Championship		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.7 ppg	23
Rushing	160.0 ypg	38
Passing	236.1 ypg	28
Total	396.1 ypg	19
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	13.5 ppg	6
Rushing	72.5 ypg	5
Passing	182.9 ypg	33
Total	255.4 ypg	6
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.36	37

Head Coach: Urban Meyer

2006 Record (SEC): 13-1 (7-1)



OKLAHOMA SOONERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

7

BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

2

Offense Oklahoma carries few question marks into the 2007 season. Yet one question — who's capable at quarterback? — looms large.

The Sooners return nine offensive starters who took the field for their Big 12 title game win over Nebraska. Among them: four across the offensive line, every receiver and running back Allen Patrick, who subbed so superbly when Adrian Peterson was missing with a broken collarbone.

With even more talent on defense, the Sooners are built to win big and win now. Except at quarterback. Still recovering from the scandal that led to the dismissal of Rhett Bomar over NCAA violations, OU enters preseason with a three-man competition. None of the candidates — junior Joey Halzle, redshirt freshman Sam Bradford or true freshman Keith Nichol — made a convincing case to be the starter in the spring.

So all the surrounding talent is needed, allowing whoever emerges at quarterback to be asked simply not to lose games, rather than to win them. The quarterback should find comfort in a dominant offensive line and game-changing playmakers at every skill position.

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In eight seasons under coach Bob Stoops, the Sooners have appeared in five BCS bowl games — and played for three national titles — the most among Big 12 schools.

Patrick proved himself with four 100-yard games while Peterson was on the shelf, yet may have to share the spotlight with elusive redshirt freshman DeMarco Murray, who was the star of the spring.

Wide receiver Malcolm Kelly is among the Big 12's best. And sophomore tight end Jermaine Gresham can stretch the field in what could turn out to be a breakout season.

Defense Oklahoma's defense is built from back to front, with the secondary the strength of a unit that returns seven starters.

Cornerbacks Reggie Smith and Marcus Walker and free safety Nic Harris are All-Big 12 types. Each is strong in coverage, and Harris is versatile in blitzes and as a run stopper. Smith warrants a spot on All-America watch lists, moving from strong safety to corner, where he can showcase his playmaking skills.

The Sooners exited spring unsettled at linebacker, mostly due to a knee injury to Ryan Reynolds, who underwent surgery. As the projected leader of the unit, Reynolds' swift and strong return could be critical. Even with a healthy Reynolds, the Sooners need touted junior college transfer Mike Reed to advance his transition from freelancer to middle man in a structured defense.

The team is stacked at tackle, with youngsters DeMarcus Granger and Gerald McCoy upgrading a rotation that already includes starters Cory Bennett and Steven Coleman. But replacements are needed at defensive end, where the top three pass rushers from '06 moved on. Alonzo Dotson and John Williams, both seniors with inconsistent careers, are capable, yet must finally produce.

Specialists Garrett Hartley was one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award after hitting 19-of-20 field goal attempts a year ago. The Sooners have two quality punters in Michael Cohen and Mike Knall. OU employs them both, with Knall excelling on pooch punts.

Final Analysis The Sooners must be considered a contender for another conference crown and a BCS bowl. Still, much of Oklahoma's 2007 success will hinge on finding a quarterback capable of making the transition from unknown to unquestioned leader. An early season home date with Miami will be a test for the young quarterback of choice. Otherwise, outside the annual clash with Texas in the Red River Shootout, the schedule is favorable.



Malcolm Kelly

Offense (7)

WR	4 Malcolm Kelly (Jr.)	80 Adron Tennell (So.)
WR	1 Manuel Johnson (Jr.)	8 Brandon Caleb (So.)
WR	9 Jaquín Iglesias (Jr.)	81 Fred Strong (Jr.)
LT	79 Phil Loadholt (Jr.)	70 Cory Brandon (Fr.)
LG	72 George Robinson (Jr.)	77 Sherrone Moore (Sr.)
C	50 Jon Cooper (Jr.)	75 Chase Beeler (So.)
RG	74 Brian Simmons (So.)	73 Brandon Walker (Jr.)
RT	76 Brannndon Braxton (Jr.)	71 Trent Williams (So.)
TE	19 Joe Jon Finley (Sr.)	18 Jermaine Gresham (So.)
QB	15 Joey Halzle (Jr.)	14 Sam Bradford (Fr.)
RB	23 Allen Patrick (Sr.)	7 DeMarco Murray (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE	91 Alonzo Dotson (Sr.)	33 Auston English (So.)
DT	96 DeMarcus Granger (So.)	93 Gerald McCoy (Fr.)
DT	97 Cory Bennett (Jr.)	90 Steven Coleman (Sr.)
DE	98 John Williams (Sr.)	44 Jeremy Beal (Fr.)
SLB	16 Lewis Baker (Sr.)	51 Demarrio Pleasant (Sr.)
MLB	10 Mike Reed (Jr.)	8 Ryan Reynolds (So.)
WLB	40 Curtis Lofton (Jr.)	48 Brandon Crow (Fr.)
CB	3 Reggie Smith (Jr.)	15 Dominique Franks (Fr.)
CB	24 Marcus Walker (Sr.)	11 Lendy Holmes (Jr.)
SS	25 D.J. Wolfe (Sr.)	22 Keenan Clayton (So.)
FS	5 Nic Harris (Jr.)	41 Darien Williams (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	10 Garrett Hartley (Sr.)	KR	3 Reggie Smith (Jr.)
P	31 Michael Cohen (Sr.)	PR	3 Reggie Smith (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joey Halzle, 2-1-15-0, 0 TD
Rushing: Allen Patrick, 169 car, 761 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Malcolm Kelly, 62 rec., 993 yds., 10 TDs
Tackles: Nic Harris, 68, 40 solo; Darien Williams, 67, 40 solo
Sacks: Steven Coleman, 3
Interceptions: Nic Harris, 4 for 11 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Chris Covatta

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	North Texas	W
S. 8	Miami	W
S. 15	Utah State	W
S. 21	at Tulsa	W
S. 29	at Colorado	W
O. 6	#Texas	*
O. 13	Missouri	W
O. 20	at Iowa State	W
O. 27	Oklahoma State	W
N. 3	Texas A&M	W
N. 10	Baylor	W
N. 17	at Texas Tech	W
	#Dallas, TX	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	UAB	W	24-17
S. 9	Washington	W	37-20
S. 16	at Oregon	L	33-34
S. 23	Middle Tennessee	W	59-0
O. 7	@Texas	L	10-28
O. 14	Iowa State	W	34-9
O. 21	Colorado	W	24-3
O. 28	at Missouri	W	26-10
N. 4	at Texas A&M	W	17-16
N. 11	Texas Tech	W	34-24
N. 18	at Baylor	W	36-10
N. 25	at Oklahoma State	W	27-21
D. 2	*Nebraska	W	21-7
J. 1	#Boise State	L	42-43
	@Dallas, TX		
	*Big 12 Championship		
	#Fiesta Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.3 ppg	19
Rushing	177.1 ypg	17
Passing	191.6 ypg	70
Total	368.7 ypg	40
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.3 ppg	19
Rushing	98.7 ypg	16
Passing	188.4 ypg	41
Total	287.1 ypg	16
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.07	66

Head Coach: Bob Stoops

2006 Record (Big 12): 11-3 (7-1)



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MICHIGAN

WOLVERINES

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

8
2

Offense Now in his fourth full year as the starter, Chad Henne should be more comfortable in the pocket after studying tapes of former Wolverine and Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady. Henne is the stabilizing force of an offense that helped Michigan win its first 11 games last season. His numbers were down a bit, with career lows in yards (2,508) and touchdowns (22), but his completions percentage was up (61.9), and he threw only eight interceptions. Those are numbers veteran coach Lloyd Carr can live with.

Henne receives more than his share of the attention, but the key to the offense will be the running game. And it all starts with Mike Hart, a Heisman contender who rushed for 1,562 yards and 14 touchdowns as a junior. The backfield won't be as deep this year due to Kevin Grady's torn ACL, but Hart is good enough to carry the load if he remains healthy.

It seems each season the Wolverines lose a big-time receiver, and each season the position remains a strength. With Steve Breaston (58 catches as a senior) gone, the door is open for Mario Manningham and Adrian Arrington to take on even larger roles. Arrington's off-field problems in the offseason could be a factor here. Still, the Wolverines like their depth at this position. Greg Mathews' confidence has been boosted with a top-notch showing in the spring.

Defense Coordinator Ron English has more than a few worries on defense, because he has more than a few holes to fill. But the line is not one of his concerns, despite the loss of All-America tackle Alan Branch. Look for tackle Terrance Taylor to emerge as a star this fall.

Linebacker Shawn Crable had a breakout season last year on the strong side but was surrounded by big-time talent. He's going to have to make an impact as a leader now that David Harris and Prescott Burgess are gone. Austin Panter, only the second junior college signee of the Carr era, could start in the middle.

The secondary must forge ahead without All-America cornerback Leon Hall, but veteran Morgan Trent is ready to step up and assume the role as Michigan's next great lockdown corner.

Specialists A kicker is not always appreciated until he's gone, but the Wolverines realize they will miss Garrett Rivas. Bryan Wright and K.C. Lopata will now get their chance to step in. Punter Zoltan Mesko possesses the experience and the power to have a banner junior season; he had eight punts of 50 yards or more last year. Breaston will be missed as a return specialist.

Final Analysis From the outset, the veteran offense must carry this team. There's no time for jitters or major adjustments for this experienced group, especially with Oregon, Notre Dame and Penn State coming to Ann Arbor in September.

The defense, which took a big hit with several key starters gone, will be forced to mature quickly. English is known as an excellent teacher; his skills will be put to the test this fall.

The schedule, which features eight home games, isn't overly taxing. The Wolverines' season will likely come down to mid-November, when they battle Wisconsin in Madison before hosting Ohio State.



Chad Henne

Offense (6)

WR 86 Mario Manningham (Jr.)	16	Adrian Arrington (Sr.)
WR 13 Greg Mathews (So.)	82	LaTerryal Savoy (So.)
LT 77 Jake Long (Sr.)	75	Cory Zirbel (So.)
LG 57 Adam Kraus (Sr.)	78	Justin Schifano (So.)
C 65 Justin Boren (So.)	60	David Moosman (So.)
RG 73 Alex Mitchell (Jr.)	70	Jeremy Ciulla (Jr.)
RT 52 Steve Schilling (Fr.)	71	Mark Ortmann (So.)
TE 83 Mike Massey (Jr.)	39	Andre Criswell (So.)
QB 7 Chad Henne (Sr.)	15	Ryan Mallett (Fr.)
FB 36 Quintin Patilla (Fr.)	32	Vince Helmuth (Fr.)
RB 20 Mike Hart (Sr.)	4	Brandon Minor (So.)

Defense (4)

DE 90 Tim Jamison (Jr.)	92	Greg Banks (Fr.)
DT 97 Will Johnson (Jr.)	94	John Ferrara (Fr.)
DT 67 Terrance Taylor (Jr.)	99	Adam Patterson (So.)
DE 55 Brandon Graham (So.)	44	James McKinney (So.)
SLB 2 Shawn Crable (Sr.)	45	Obi Ezech (Fr.)
MLB 49 John Thompson (Jr.)	54	Austin Panter (Jr.)
WLB 37 Chris Graham (Sr.)	8	Jonas Mouton (Fr.)
CB 14 Morgan Trent (Jr.)	27	Brandon Harrison (Jr.)
CB 25 Johnny Sears (So.)	35	Doug Dutch (Jr.)
S 22 Jamar Adams (Sr.)	5	Charles Stewart (Jr.)
S 3 Stevie Brown (So.)	31	Brandent Englemon (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 43 Bryan Wright (Fr.)	KR 25 Johnny Sears (So.)
P 41 Zoltan Mesko (So.)	PR 25 Johnny Sears (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chad Henne, 328-203-2,508-8, 22 TDs
Rushing: Mike Hart, 318 car., 1,562 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Adrian Arrington, 40 rec., 544 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles: Jamar Adams, 47, 39 solo
Sacks: Tim Jamison, 5
Interceptions: Jamar Adams, 1; Morgan Trent, 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

37

Senior quarterback Chad Henne has started 37 career games, beginning with the season-opener in his freshman season. He was thrust into the role after a late injury to starter Matt Gutierrez. He hasn't missed a start in that stretch.

All-America left tackle Jake Long is back to protect Henne's blind side and provide some leadership to a line that will be in its second season working with zone blocking schemes.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Appalachian State	W
S. 8 Oregon	W
S. 15 Notre Dame	W
S. 22 Penn State	W
S. 29 at Northwestern	W
O. 6 Eastern Michigan	W
O. 13 Purdue	W
O. 20 at Illinois	W
O. 27 Minnesota	W
N. 3 at Michigan State	W
N. 10 at Wisconsin	*
N. 17 Ohio State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Vanderbilt	W	27-7
S. 9 Central Michigan	W	41-17
S. 16 at Notre Dame	W	47-21
S. 23 Wisconsin	W	27-13
S. 30 at Minnesota	W	28-14
O. 7 Michigan State	W	31-13
O. 14 at Penn State	W	17-10
O. 21 Iowa	W	20-6
O. 28 Northwestern	W	17-3
N. 4 Ball State	W	34-26
N. 11 at Indiana	W	34-3
N. 18 at Ohio State	L	39-42
J. 1 #USC	L	18-32
		#Rose Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	26
Rushing	175.5 ypg	21
Passing	195.2 ypg	64
Total	370.8 ypg	38
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.9 ppg	15
Rushing	43.4 ypg	1
Passing	224.9 ypg	89
Total	268.3 ypg	10
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+14	+1.08	4

Head Coach: Lloyd Carr

2006 Record (Big Ten): 11-2 (7-1)

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VIRGINIA TECH

HOKIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

1

Offense The Hokies lost three key linemen, a standout wide receiver and a solid fullback, but they should be better on offense than they were in 2006. They need to be if they're going to contend for the ACC title and a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Longtime coach Frank Beamer, who enters his 21st season in Blacksburg, has a talented corps of receivers led by seniors Josh Morgan, Eddie Royal and Justin Harper, along with three promising tight ends in Greg Boone, Sam Wheeler and Andre Smith.

But the most valuable player on offense is junior tailback Brandon Ore, who was named first-team All-ACC in 2006 and is a candidate for the Doak Walker Award heading into this season. Last year, Ore rushed for 1,137 yards and 16 touchdowns despite playing behind an average line and missing most of two games with an ankle injury.

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The Hokies allowed 11 points per game last season, the fewest of any team in Division I-A. Tech also led

the nation in total defense with only 219.5 yards per game allowed.

What Beamer needs is improved play from his revamped line — which features second-team All-ACC senior tackle Duane Brown — and junior quarterback Sean Glennon, who self-destructed with four turnovers on four consecutive possessions against Georgia in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

As for Glennon, the key is to “make good decisions and play within himself,” Beamer says. When Glennon did so last season, Tech won. When he didn't, the results were disastrous. But Glennon hasn't lost confidence in himself, and he was the coaching staff's choice as the offense's outstanding player in spring practice.

Defense The Hokies' defensive dominance helped veteran coordinator Bud Foster earn the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant. Expect more of the same this fall, as eight starters return, and five of them will head into the season as All-ACC candidates: senior end Chris Ellis, senior linebackers Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi, and junior cornerbacks Brandon Flowers and Macho Harris. Hall and Flowers were first-team All-ACC selections in 2006, and Adibi was second-team all-conference.

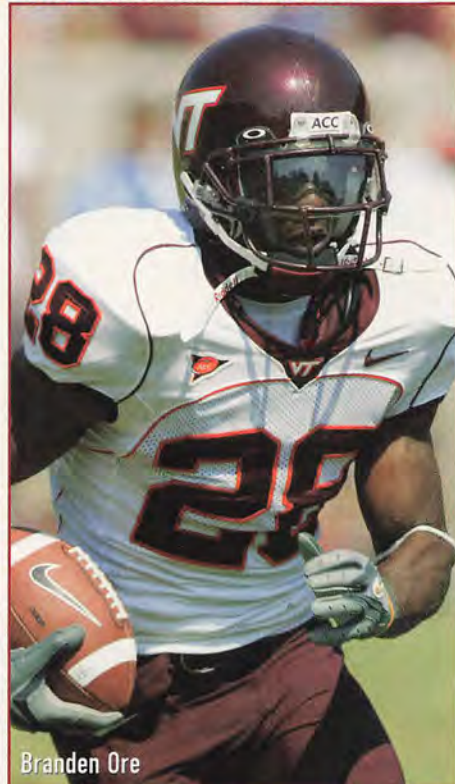
Tech has also a strong, deep group of defensive tackles led by Carlton Powell, Barry Booker and Kory Robertson, seniors all. The new starters are junior Orion Martin, who takes over for Noland Burchette at end; sophomore Kam Chancellor, Aaron Rouse's replacement at rover; and Corey Gordon, who steps in for Brenden Hill at whip linebacker.

Specialists Beamer's concerns in this area are justified. A strong kicking game is a crucial element of BeamerBall, and Tech lost punter Nick Leeson, kicker Brandon Pace and punter Nic Schmitt. Pace was second-team All-ACC in 2006, and Schmitt's average of 42.2 yards ranked third in the ACC. No. 1 on the depth chart coming out of the Hokies' spring practice were senior kicker Jud Dunlevy, sophomore punter Brent Bowden and senior snapper Bart McMillin.

Final Analysis The Hokies were considered a year away in 2006 and still managed to win 10 games. This season, Tech will be disappointed if it fails to win the Coastal Division and advance to the ACC title game.

A lot will hinge on Glennon and the offense, but if that unit can be reasonably productive and avoid game-changing turnovers, and if the new starters at kicker and punter prove capable, then the Hokies' stout defense could carry this team into the BCS.

“I think we've got a chance to be good,” Beamer says. “We've got to make it happen, though.”



Brandon Ore

Offense (8)

SE	2 Josh Morgan (Sr.)	19 Josh Hyman (Sr.)
FL	4 Eddie Royal (Sr.)	81 Justin Harper (Sr.)
LT	76 Duane Brown (Sr.)	71 Aaron Brown (Fr.)
LG	67 Nick Marshman (Jr.)	64 Richard Graham (So.)
C	58 Ryan Shuman (Jr.)	70 Sergio Render (So.)
RG	70 Sergio Render (So.)	64 Richard Graham (So.)
RT	85 Ed Wang (So.)	57 Clark Crum (Fr.)
TE	8 Greg Boone (So.)	83 Sam Wheeler (So.)
QB	7 Sean Glennon (Jr.)	3 Ike Whitaker (So.)
FB	39 Carlton Weatherford (Sr.)	42 Kenny Jefferson (So.)
TB	28 Brandon Ore (Jr.)	20 Kenny Lewis (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	49 Chris Ellis (Sr.)	47 Nekos Brown (So.)
DT	59 Barry Booker (Sr.)	43 Jason Adjepong (Fr.)
DT	99 Carlton Powell (Sr.)	95 Cordarow Thompson (So.)
DE	90 Orion Martin (Jr.)	75 Kory Robertson (Sr.)
OLB	13 Corey Gordon (Sr.)	41 Cam Martin (So.)
ILB	9 Vince Hall (Sr.)	33 Brett Warren (Jr.)
ILB	11 Xavier Adibi (Sr.)	45 Purnell Sturdivant (Jr.)
CB	18 Brandon Flowers (Jr.)	22 Stephan Virgil (So.)
CB	1 Macho Harris (Jr.)	21 Rashad Carmichael (Fr.)
ROV	17 Kam Chancellor (So.)	24 Dorian Porch (So.)
FS	25 D.J. Parker (Sr.)	23 Mario Edwards (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	92 Jud Dunlevy (Sr.)	KR	4 Eddie Royal (Sr.)
P	97 Brent Bowden (So.)	PR	4 Eddie Royal (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Sean Glennon, 302-170-2,191-11, 11 TDs
Rushing: Brandon Ore, 241 car., 1,137 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving: Josh Morgan, 33 rec., 448 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Vince Hall, 128, 61 solo; Xavier Adibi, 82, 29 solo
Sacks: Chris Ellis, 4.5
Interceptions: Victor Harris, 4 for 75 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	East Carolina	W
S. 8	at LSU	*
S. 15	Ohio	W
S. 22	William & Mary	W
S. 29	North Carolina	W
O. 6	at Clemson	W
O. 13	at Duke	W
O. 25	Boston College	W
N. 1	at Georgia Tech	*
N. 10	Florida State	W
N. 17	Miami	W
N. 24	at Virginia	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Northeastern	W	38-0
S. 9	at North Carolina	W	35-10
S. 16	Duke	W	36-0
S. 23	Cincinnati	W	29-13
S. 30	Georgia Tech	L	27-38
O. 12	at Boston College	L	3-22
O. 21	Southern Miss	W	36-6
O. 26	Clemson	W	24-7
N. 4	at Miami	W	17-10
N. 11	Kent State	W	23-0
N. 18	at Wake Forest	W	27-6
N. 25	Virginia	W	17-0
D. 30	#Georgia	L	24-31

#Chick-fil-A Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.9 ppg	49
Rushing	113.4 ypg	90
Passing	181.8 ypg	82
Total	295.2 ypg	99
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	11.0 ppg	1
Rushing	91.2 ypg	11
Passing	128.2 ypg	1
Total	219.5 ypg	1
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	38

Head Coach: Frank Beamer

2006 Record (ACC): 10-3 (6-2)

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RUTGERS

SCARLET KNIGHTS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

10
2

Offense Shortly after launching the school's first-ever Heisman Trophy campaign for senior fullback Brian Leonard last year, Rutgers officials had to switch gears to focus on tailback Ray Rice's record-breaking season. Promoting the right Heisman candidate this time around won't be a problem. Rice, a junior, has emerged as one of the nation's top running backs after rushing for 1,794 yards and 20 TDs last year, capping his season by earning MVP honors of the Texas Bowl. Rutgers can use Rice as workhorse again (he carried a school-record 335 times) but doesn't have to because of the balance this offense boasts. Junior quarterback Mike Teel overcame a slow start to post his two best career efforts in the Knights' final two games. He is 13-3 as a starter.

36-3

With a 13-3 record the past two seasons at Rutgers and a 23-0 record in high school, junior quarterback Mike Teel is 36-3 overall as a starter.

The line, which led the nation in fewest sacks allowed (eight), returns three-fifths intact, with All-Big East tackles Jeremy Zuttah and Pedro Sosa leading the way.

After being ravaged by injuries at wide receiver last year, Rutgers should reap the benefits of playing so many youngsters. Sophomore Kenny Britt emerged as a star when pressed into service, and starter Tiquan Underwood is healthy again after suffering a broken bone in his leg in the regular-season finale.

Defense If Rutgers can plug two holes at linebacker, this defense can be better than the one that finished last year ranked No. 4 nationally overall and No. 8 in scoring.

Tackle Eric Foster, who earned first-team All-America honors, returns as the leader again. Rutgers is in excellent shape up front with ends Jamaal Westerman and George Johnson, a promising sophomore.

Brandon Renkart, a converted quarterback and safety, proved to be a pleasant surprise in his first year as a starter at linebacker. But the Knights have to replace two backers who combined to start for seven years. Head coach Greg Schiano, who doubles as the defensive coordinator, has plenty of possibilities to choose from, since his last two recruiting classes have featured eight linebackers. Chris Quaye has the inside track in the middle, with Kevin Malast bidding to start outside.

The secondary will be an area of strength with All-Big East safeties Courtney Greene and Ron Girault back, as well as starting corner Jason McCourty. There is no shortage of talent and depth in the backfield.

Specialists Jeremy Ito, who holds the school record for field goals made (57), enters his senior year as one of the nation's best at the position. He was solid in his first season handling kickoffs as well, producing 29 touchbacks from 77 kicks. Schiano went to the junior college ranks to find a punter to replace four-year starter Joe Radigan, making Teddy Dellaganna a late addition to the recruiting class.

Final Analysis After making an unexpected run last year at the Big East title and a BCS berth, Rutgers has both squarely in its sights this season. The key components are in place to make those goals realistic. The Knights have as much talent as any team in school history, boast a Heisman candidate in Rice and have an accommodating schedule that features eight home games. If everything works out, Rutgers could be playing Louisville on Nov. 29 for the Big East title and a BCS spot, just as the Knights did in their season finale at West Virginia last year (a triple overtime loss).



Ray Rice

Offense (7)

WR	7	Tiquan Underwood (Jr.)	2	Tim Brown (So.)
WR	88	Kenny Britt (So.)	83	James Townsend (Sr.)
LT	77	Pedro Sosa (Sr.)	78	Kevin Haslam (So.)
LG	72	Mike Fladell (Sr.)	64	Dan Mazan (Sr.)
C	61	Ryan Blaszczyk (So.)	75	Dave McClain (So.)
RG		Anthony Davis (Fr.)	70	Mike Gilmartin (Jr.)
RT	71	Jeremy Zuttah (Sr.)	76	Mo Lange (Fr.)
TE	89	Kevin Brock (Jr.)	86	Craig McGovern (So.)
QB	14	Mike Teel (Jr.)	11	Domenic Natale (So.)
FB	19	Jack Corcoran (So.)		Jourdan Brooks (Fr.)
TB	27	Ray Rice (Jr.)	8	Kordell Young (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	90	Jamaal Westerman (Jr.)	52	Cherry Lewis (Jr.)
DT	56	Eric Foster (Sr.)	49	Mike Ziarnowski (Jr.)
DT	97	Peter Tverdov (Jr.)	96	Charlie Noonan (Fr.)
DE	31	George Johnson (So.)	92	Gary Watts (Jr.)
SLB	47	Brandon Renkart (Sr.)	17	Damaso Munoz (So.)
MLB	33	Chris Quaye (So.)	44	Ryan D'Imperio (So.)
WLB	34	Kevin Malast (Jr.)	48	Blair Bines (So.)
CB	25	Jason McCourty (Jr.)	13	Anthony Miller (So.)
CB	21	Devin McCourty (So.)	28	Leslie Jackman (So.)
SS	36	Courtney Greene (Jr.)	6	Glen Lee (Jr.)
FS	43	Ron Girault (Sr.)	38	Zaire Kitchen (So.)

Special Teams

K	1	Jeremy Ito (Sr.)	KR	83	James Townsend (Sr.)
P		Teddy Dellaganna (So.)	PR	2	Tim Brown (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Mike Teel, 296-164-2,135-13, 12 TDs
Rushing: Ray Rice, 335 car., 1,794 yds., 20 TDs
Receiving: Kenny Britt, 29 rec., 440 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Courtney Greene, 82, 51 solo
Sacks: Jamaal Westerman, 8
Interceptions: Courtney Greene, 4 for 26 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Bill Wood

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	Buffalo	W
S. 7	Navy	W
S. 15	Norfolk State	W
S. 29	Maryland	W
O. 6	Cincinnati	W
O. 13	at Syracuse	W
O. 18	South Florida	W
O. 27	West Virginia	*
N. 3	at Connecticut	W
N. 9	at Army	W
N. 17	Pittsburgh	W
N. 29	at Louisville	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at North Carolina	W	21-16
S. 9	Illinois	W	33-0
S. 16	Ohio	W	24-7
S. 23	Howard	W	56-7
S. 29	at South Florida	W	22-20
O. 14	at Navy	W	34-0
O. 21	at Pittsburgh	W	20-10
O. 29	Connecticut	W	24-13
N. 9	Louisville	W	28-25
N. 18	at Cincinnati	L	11-30
N. 25	Syracuse	W	38-7
D. 2	at West Virginia (30t)	L	39-41
D. 28	#Kansas State	W	37-10
	#Texas Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.8 ppg	22
Rushing	180.2 ypg	15
Passing	164.9 ypg	96
Total	345.1 ypg	58
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.3 ppg	8
Rushing	101.0 ypg	17
Passing	151.2 ypg	6
Total	252.2 ypg	4
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: Greg Schiano

2006 Record (Big East): 11-2 (5-2)



CALIFORNIA

GOLDEN BEARS

NATIONAL FORECAST
PAC-10 PREDICTION

11
2

Offense If junior quarterback Nate Longshore can stay on target, Cal should be an offensive juggernaut. Last season, Longshore was ranked No. 1 in passing efficiency for most of the season before slumping late to finish behind USC's John David Booty. Cal coach Jeff Tedford would like the 6'5" Longshore to be a little more nimble in 2007. According to the coach, Longshore got above 245 pounds last season; Tedford wants him around 225 to 230.

Wide receivers coach Dan Ferrigno believes junior DeSean Jackson is the fastest player in college football. At only 6'0" and 166 pounds, he is an incredible talent who might be skipping off to the NFL after his junior season. Seniors Robert Jordan and Lavelle Hawkins both caught 46 balls last season and have above-average speed.

Despite Marshawn Lynch's departure, Cal's running attack should continue to prosper. Justin Forsett, a 5'8" tailback, has averaged 6.4 yards per carry over his first three seasons, primarily as a backup.

All-Pac-10 center Alex Mack returns to anchor an offensive line that has the potential to be among the strongest in the league.

5

Cal scored 40 or more points in five consecutive games last season, beginning with a 42-17 win over Minnesota on Sept. 9 and ending with a 45-24 win against Oregon on Oct. 7.

Defense The coaching staff has high expectations for junior end Rulon Davis, who missed the second half of the 2006 season with a bone bruise in his leg. If healthy, Davis, a former junior college transfer, can give Cal the threat it needs off the edge. At the other end is sophomore Tyson Alualu, who played mostly at tackle last season. Matthew Malele and junior Mika Kane will start at the tackle slots, but depth could be an issue.

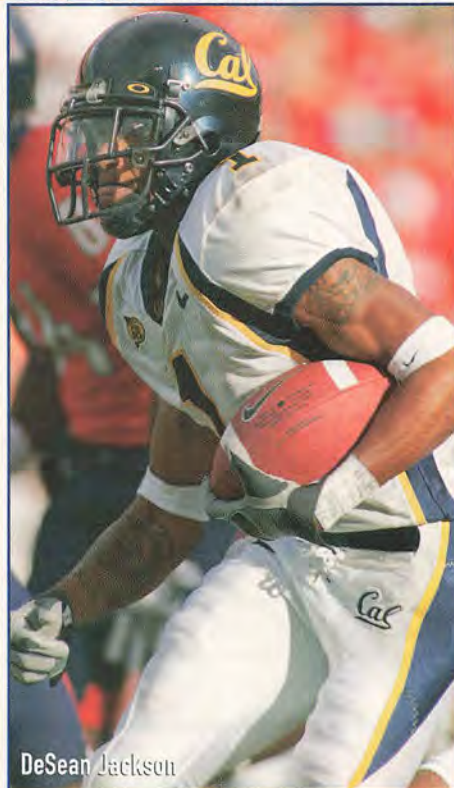
Junior Zack Follett is being touted as an awards candidate at inside linebacker, and former freshman All-American Anthony Felder is healthy again after suffering through an injury-plagued 2006 season. Junior Worrell Williams, a returning starter, completes a strong linebacking corps.

Finding a cornerback to replace Lott Trophy winner Daymeion Hughes is a huge concern. Cal has plenty of young talent in players such as sophomores Robert Peele and Jesse Brooks as well as freshmen Darian Hagan and Charles Amadi, but they are unproven. The starter on the other side will be Syd'Quan Thompson, who had a strong 2006 season despite a rocky start. Cal is rock-solid at safety with Thomas DeCoud and Bernard Hicks.

Specialists The Bears boast one of the finest all-around special teams units in the country, with the top punt return man in the nation in Jackson, who returned four punts for touchdowns last season. Punter Andrew Larson finished eighth in the country in net punting (38.3) and placekicker Tom Schneider will be entering his fourth year as a starter. He hit 15-of-20 field goals last season, including 13-of-15 inside 50 yards.

Final Analysis Cal has a deep, experienced and talented team that looks like a title contender in the Pac-10. The combination of Longshore and wide receivers Jackson, Hawkins and Jordan should be exciting to watch. However, the offensive line has been reworked, and that could cause problems for Longshore, who is not very mobile. Finding a pass rusher off the edge and a cornerback are other worries.

Fortunately for the Bears, their two biggest games of the season — the opener against Tennessee and a Nov. 10 showdown against the Trojans — are at home. Possible bumps in the road are matchups at Oregon on Sept. 29 and at UCLA on Oct. 20. Cal has been knocking at the BCS door for a while. This could be the season the Bears break through.



DeSean Jackson

Offense (7)

WR	1 DeSean Jackson (Jr.)	86 Sam DeSa (Sr.)
WR	7 Lavelle Hawkins (Sr.)	11 Robert Jordan (Sr.)
LT	53 Mike Gibson (Sr.)	58 Chet Teofilo (Jr.)
LG	55 Noris Malele (Jr.)	50 Kevin Bemoll (So.)
C	51 Alex Mack (Jr.)	54 Chris Guarnero (Fr.)
RG	63 Brian De La Puente (Sr.)	77 Mark Gray (Sr.)
RT	79 Mike Tepper (Jr.)	78 Justin Prueitt (Fr.)
TE	82 Craig Stevens (Sr.)	6 Cameron Morrah (So.)
QB	9 Nate Longshore (Jr.)	8 Kyle Reed (So.)
FB	23 Will Ta'ufo'ou (So.)	32 R.J. Garrett (Fr.)
RB	20 Justin Forsett (Sr.)	21 James Montgomery (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE	94 Rulon Davis (Jr.)	91 Cody Jones (So.)
DT	69 Matthew Malele (Sr.)	77 Michael Costanzo (Fr.)
DT	98 Mika Kane (Jr.)	76 Derrick Hill (Fr.)
DE	90 Tyson Alualu (So.)	92 Tad Smith (So.)
LB	56 Zack Follett (Jr.)	55 Greg Van Hoesen (Sr.)
LB	1 Worrell Williams (Jr.)	88 Eddie Young (So.)
LB	15 Anthony Felder (Jr.)	16 Justin Moye (Sr.)
CB	5 Syd'Quan Thompson (So.)	27 Charles Amadi (Fr.)
CB	26 Darian Hagan (Fr.)	24 Brandon Jones (Fr.)
ROV	2 Bernard Hicks (Jr.)	3 Brandon Hampton (Sr.)
FS	4 Thomas DeCoud (Sr.)	7 Robert Peele (So.)

Special Teams

K	15 Tom Schneider (Sr.)	KR	21 James Montgomery (Fr.)
P	11 Andrew Larson (Sr.)	PR	1 DeSean Jackson (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Nate Longshore, 377-227, 3,021-13, 24 TDs
Rushing: Justin Forsett, 119 car., 626 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: DeSean Jackson, 59 rec., 1,060 yds., 9 TDs
Tackles: Brandon Hampton, 63, 30 solo
Sacks: Zack Follett, 5.5
Interceptions: Bernard Hicks, 2; Brandon Hampton, 2

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Peter Brouillette

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Tennessee	*
S. 8	at Colorado State	W
S. 15	Louisiana Tech	W
S. 22	Arizona	W
S. 29	at Oregon	W
O. 13	Oregon State	W
O. 20	at UCLA	*
O. 27	at Arizona State	W
N. 3	Washington State	W
N. 10	USC	*
N. 17	at Washington	W
D. 1	at Stanford	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Tennessee	L	18-35
S. 9	Minnesota	W	42-17
S. 16	Portland State	W	42-16
S. 23	Arizona State	W	49-21
S. 30	at Oregon State	W	41-13
O. 7	Oregon	W	45-24
O. 14	at Washington State	W	21-3
O. 21	Washington (ot)	W	31-24
N. 4	UCLA	W	38-24
N. 11	at Arizona	L	20-24
N. 18	at USC	L	9-23
D. 2	Stanford	W	26-17
D. 28	#Texas A&M	W	45-10

#Holiday Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.9 ppg	11
Rushing	162.8 ypg	33
Passing	253.2 ypg	17
Total	416.0 ypg	12
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.3 ppg	32
Rushing	125.4 ypg	47
Passing	240.9 ypg	103
Total	366.2 ypg	91
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.46	30

Head Coach: Jeff Tedford

2006 Record (Pac-10): 10-3 (7-2)



OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

12
3

Offense Troy Smith performed wizardry virtually every week of the 2006 regular season for Ohio State, but the magic ran out in the BCS national title game against Florida, as did his eligibility. With the hocus pocus clearly gone — as well as playmakers Ted Ginn Jr., Anthony Gonzalez and Antonio Pittman — the Buckeyes are going to have to go back to out-executing and overpowering opponents in the trenches.

They appear to have the offensive line to get things going with behemoths Alex Boone and Steve Rehling — who are both 6'8" and over 320 pounds — back to man the left side and another 300-pound-plus bruiser, Kirk Barton, still entrenched at right tackle. However, those three and tight end Rory Nicol represent the entirety of starters returning to the offense. Barton is the unit's only starting senior.

The new faces behind the blockers are fresh and exciting, especially at tailback — where 6'1", 225-pound Chris "Beanie" Wells will move into a workhorse role. The powerful sophomore will be OSU's primary weapon on offense this year. True freshman Brandon Saine offers a speedy change of pace.

49

With Troy Smith at the controls, the Buckeyes converted 49 percent of their third downs (78-of-159) last season. With a new passer, OSU will have a hard time nearing that figure this fall.

At receiver, the cupboard isn't as bare as one might expect. Brian Robiskie and Brian Hartline are crafty, sure-handed performers, and the coaches think Ray Small, the team's most natural flanker, can keep defenses honest as a vertical threat.

Smith's successor, who appears to be junior Todd Boeckman, is tall and aggressive, but he could continue to get a push from Robbie Schoenhoft or even Antonio Henton, a Smith clone who is still raw.

Defense The winner of the Bronko Nagurski Award, middle linebacker James Laurinaitis is a nice focal point in the epicenter of OSU's 4-3 defense. He'll have plenty of help, too. Former junior college All-American Larry Grant appears primed for a bang-up season on the strong side, and weak-side backer Marcus Freeman, the team's second-leading tackler behind Laurinaitis last season, is an All-Big Ten candidate in his own right.

The defensive front has to replace three departed standouts, including Quinn Pitcock, yet still flaunts loads of talent and depth.

Athletic end Lawrence Wilson appears ready to step right in and make an impact. If Wilson performs to his ability, he will provide a perfect bookend to Vernon Gholston, who led Ohio State with 8.5 sacks last season. Todd Denlinger, Doug Worthington and Dexter Larimore all could be in line for breakout seasons inside, and the coaches believe former prize recruit Robert Rose can help on the interior or at end.

The secondary still needs an identity but boasts shutdown corner Malcolm Jenkins and the fast-developing Kurt Coleman, who should nail down one of the safety spots.

Specialists Placekicker Aaron Pettrey and punter A.J. Trapasso could be big keys to the success of the Buckeyes. If they become reliable performers, coach Jim Tressel can better manage field position and hang his hat on his defense. Saine and Jenkins could be exciting return men but aren't likely to make anyone forget about the record-setting Ginn.

Final Analysis With only a handful of returning starters on each side of the ball and without some of the most electrifying skill position players in program history, Ohio State has its work cut out for it if it is to return to the top of the Big Ten and the BCS bowl equation. Still, the Buckeyes should be able to negotiate a relatively soft schedule if Boeckman emerges and the secondary holds up.



James Laurinaitis

Offense (5)

SE	80 Brian Robiskie (Jr.)	18 Devon Lyons (Jr.)
FL	4 Ray Small (So.)	5 Albert Dukes (Jr.)
WB	9 Brian Hartline (So.)	5 Albert Dukes (Jr.)
LT	75 Alex Boone (Jr.)	73 Josh Kerr (Fr.)
LG	71 Steve Rehling (Jr.)	67 Kyle Mitchum (Jr.)
C	64 Jim Cordle (So.)	77 Connor Smith (Fr.)
RG	63 Ben Person (Jr.)	70 Bryant Browning (Fr.)
RT	74 Kirk Barton (Sr.)	79 Jon Skinner (Jr.)
TE	88 Rory Nicol (Jr.)	86 Jake Ballard (So.)
QB	17 Todd Boeckman (Jr.)	11 Robbie Schoenhoft (So.)
TB	28 Chris Wells (So.)	34 Maurice Wells (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	87 Lawrence Wilson (Jr.)	9 Robert Rose (So.)
DT	92 Todd Denlinger (So.)	93 Nader Abdallah (Jr.)
DT	84 Doug Worthington (So.)	72 Dexter Larimore (Fr.)
DE	50 Vernon Gholston (Jr.)	78 Alex Barrow (Jr.)
SLB	6 Larry Grant (Sr.)	55 Curtis Terry (Sr.)
MLB	33 James Laurinaitis (Jr.)	38 Austin Spitler (So.)
WLB	1 Marcus Freeman (Jr.)	51 Ross Homan (So.)
CB	2 Malcolm Jenkins (Jr.)	5 Chimdi Chekwa (Fr.)
CB	20 Donald Washington (So.)	Eugene Clifford (Fr.)
SS	21 Anderson Russell (So.)	3 Jamarion O'Neal (Jr.)
FS	4 Kurt Coleman (So.)	23 Nick Patterson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	20 Aaron Pettrey (So.)	KR	Brandon Saine (Fr.)
P	15 A.J. Trapasso (Jr.)	PR	2 Malcolm Jenkins (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Todd Boeckman, 3-2-19-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Chris Wells, 104 car., 576 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Brian Robiskie, 29 rec., 383 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: James Laurinaitis, 115, 53 solo
Sacks: Vernon Gholston, 8.5
Interceptions: James Laurinaitis, 5 for 56 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Youngstown State	W
S. 8	Akron	W
S. 15	at Washington	W
S. 22	Northwestern	W
S. 29	at Minnesota	W
O. 6	at Purdue	W
O. 13	Kent State	W
O. 20	Michigan State	W
O. 27	at Penn State	*
N. 3	Wisconsin	*
N. 10	Illinois	W
N. 17	at Michigan	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Northern Illinois	W	35-12
S. 9	at Texas	W	24-7
S. 16	Cincinnati	W	37-7
S. 23	Penn State	W	28-6
S. 30	at Iowa	W	38-17
O. 7	Bowling Green	W	35-7
O. 14	at Michigan State	W	38-7
O. 21	Indiana	W	44-3
O. 28	Minnesota	W	44-0
N. 4	at Illinois	W	17-10
N. 11	at Northwestern	W	54-10
N. 18	Michigan	W	42-39
J. 8	#Florida	L	14-41

#National Championship Game

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.6 ppg	8
Rushing	169.9 ypg	26
Passing	214.7 ypg	45
Total	384.5 ypg	26
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	12.8 ppg	5
Rushing	98.3 ypg	15
Passing	182.2 ypg	30
Total	280.5 ypg	12
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	13

Head Coach: Jim Tressel 2006 Record (Big Ten): 12-1 (8-0)

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LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

13
3

Offense Bobby Petrino showed he could deliver what John L. Smith delivered at the University of Louisville — points and victories. Now it's up to former Tulsa coach Steve Kragthorpe to show he can do what Petrino did. Kragthorpe has a chance. It helps if you're coaching one of the game's best quarterbacks. Brian Brohm ignored the reports he was a certain first-round pick to return for his senior season. Last year Brohm started the season recovering from knee surgery. He tore ligaments in his right thumb. He suffered a torn labrum in his left shoulder in the Orange Bowl. Still, Brohm completed 199-of-313 passes for 3,049 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Tailback Anthony Allen is a touchdown machine, scoring 13 times on 96 carries. The speed guy is the smaller George Stripling. Powerful Brock Bolen has been mislabeled as a blocker.

475.3

The Cardinals averaged 475.3 yards of total offense last season, which ranked second nationally to Hawaii.

Brohm believes the Cardinals have the nation's best receivers. There is a tall, deep threat in Mario Urrutia; a smaller, dependable possession guy in Harry Douglas; and a tight end named Gary Barnidge with Velcro hands. At 6'6" and 228 pounds, Urrutia overpowers cornerbacks near the goal line. Douglas is Brohm's security blanket.

Kragthorpe must repair his offensive line with two starters departing. He starts with all-conference players Eric Wood, a center, and George Bussey, a tackle.

Defense Kragthorpe must do his best work here. The Cards lost seven starters, including their best run-stopper and linebacker.

The job of stopping the power game falls to

Adrian Grady and Earl Heyman. The most talented defensive lineman is speedy end Peanut Whitehead, who runs like a linebacker.

Senior linebacker Malik Jackson is a disruptive force who played a terrific Orange Bowl. Jackson led the team with 16 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Lamar Myles and Preston Smith should move into starting roles next to Jackson. The wildcard is Willie Williams, who was a top recruit at Miami but left the Hurricanes to play junior college ball after one season.

Sophomore safety Latarrius Thomas made a remarkable conversion from wide receiver. The Cardinals have been waiting for Rod Council to become a star at cornerback. He wasn't healthy last season. Junior college transfer Woody Turenne could start at the other corner.

Specialists Kicker Art Carmody's reward for making all 60 extra points and 21-of-25 field goals was the Lou Groza Award. Corey Goettsche and Todd Flannery will split the punting job. JaJuan Spillman emerged to average nearly 27 yards per kickoff. Receivers Trent Guy and Patrick Carter will return punts.

Final Analysis Brohm says one reason he's returning for his senior year is to chase a national title. It won't be easy, but it's not impossible. The offense should continue to average better than 35 points per game. Brohm is comfortable with his receivers and the new formations Kragthorpe brings. Kragthorpe must plug two holes on his line to keep Brohm healthy and the running game productive.

Defense is another matter. The Cards lost their two best players. Nobody questions the ability of seven new starters, but expect teams to make Louisville prove it can stop the run.

The schedule is another potential problem. The Cards must visit improving Kentucky, and two of their two most difficult Big East games — West Virginia and South Florida — are on the road. Louisville lost in Morgantown two years ago and has lost two straight at USF.



Brian Brohm

Offense (7)

WR 7 Mario Urrutia (Jr.)	4 Patrick Carter (Sr.)
WR 85 Harry Douglas (Sr.)	26 JaJuan Spillman (So.)
LT 68 George Bussey (Jr.)	72 Brian Roche (So.)
LG 63 Daniel Barlowe (Sr.)	71 Marcus Gordon (Sr.)
C 77 Eric Wood (Jr.)	51 Ryan Kessling (Fr.)
RG 69 Marcel Benson (Sr.)	66 Mike Donoghue (So.)
RT 78 Breno Giacomini (Sr.)	74 Jeff Adams (Fr.)
TE 82 Gary Barnidge (Sr.)	81 Scott Kuhn (Sr.)
QB 12 Brian Brohm (Sr.)	14 Hunter Cantwell (Jr.)
FB 32 Brock Bolen (Jr.)	28 Sergio Spencer (Jr.)
HB 42 Anthony Allen (So.)	24 George Stripling (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE 88 Brandon Cox (Sr.)	98 Jonathan Holston (So.)
DT 57 Earl Heyman (Jr.)	59 L.T. Walker (So.)
DT 94 Adrian Grady (Jr.)	93 L.D. Scott (So.)
DE 8 Peanut Whitehead (So.)	56 Michael Adams (So.)
SLB 11 Malik Jackson (Sr.)	46 Terence Butler (Sr.)
MLB 22 Lamar Myles (Jr.)	52 Mozell Axson (Jr.)
WLB 6 Preston Smith (Sr.)	Willie Williams (Jr.)
CB 14 Rod Council (Jr.)	15 Craig James (Fr.)
CB Woodny Turenne (Jr.)	34 Bobby Buchanan (Jr.)
SS 13 Jon Russell (Sr.)	5 Brandon Heath (Fr.)
FS 30 Latarrius Thomas (So.)	2 Richard Raglin (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Art Carmody (Sr.)	KR 26 JaJuan Spillman (So.)
P 29 Corey Goettsche (So.)	PR 3 Trent Guy (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brian Brohm, 313-199, 3,049-5, 16 TDs
Rushing: George Stripling, 81 car., 459 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Harry Douglas, 70 rec., 1,265 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Malik Jackson, 57, 49 solo
Sacks: Malik Jackson, 9
Interceptions: Jon Russell, 3 for 96 yds
(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 Murray State	W
S. 6 Middle Tennessee	W
S. 15 at Kentucky	W
S. 22 Syracuse	W
S. 29 at NC State	W
O. 5 Utah	W
O. 13 at Cincinnati	W
O. 20 at Connecticut	W
O. 27 Pittsburgh	W
N. 8 at West Virginia	*
N. 17 at South Florida	*
N. 29 Rutgers	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3 Kentucky	W 59-28
S. 9 at Temple	W 62-0
S. 16 Miami	W 31-7
S. 23 at Kansas State	W 24-6
O. 6 at Middle Tennessee	W 44-17
O. 14 Cincinnati	W 23-17
O. 21 at Syracuse	W 28-13
N. 2 West Virginia	W 44-34
N. 9 at Rutgers	L 25-28
N. 18 South Florida	W 31-8
N. 25 at Pittsburgh	W 48-24
D. 2 Connecticut	W 48-17
J. 2 #at Wake Forest	W 24-13

#Orange Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	37.8 ppg	4
Rushing	185.3 ypg	12
Passing	290.0 ypg	7
Total	475.3 ypg	2
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	17
Rushing	104.8 ypg	19
Passing	215.7 ypg	80
Total	320.5 ypg	40
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	46

Head Coach: Steve Kragthorpe

2006 Record (Big East): 12-1 (6-1)

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GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

NATIONAL FORECAST
ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

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Offense So what happens when you lose an All-America wide receiver and a four-year starting quarterback? Georgia Tech's offense may be better for coach Chan Gailey.

New coordinator John Bond has four of five starting linemen to work with, the ACC's leading rusher in Tashard Choice, and a junior quarterback in Taylor Bennett who looks very much like he knows what he's doing.

Bond plans to use more of the field in the passing game now that former quarterback Reggie Ball's lack of height (5'11") won't limit the Yellow Jackets' options in the middle of the field.

Junior wide receiver James Johnson is steady, and redshirt freshman DeMarius Thomas may have an early lead in the race to replace departed all-everything wideout Calvin Johnson.

A couple of wild cards give Bond options. Senior fullback Mike Cox may not be the next "Moose," as they don't make many Daryl Johnstons, but "Bull" can catch it better than most, and he blocks a ton. Potential H-back Rashaun Grant, a senior running back, can line up at wide receiver, run reverses or run from the backfield.

There appears to be depth at running back, too, with sophomore Jamaal Evans and freshmen Jonathan Dwyer and Roddy Jones.

131.9

Senior Tashard Choice averaged 131.9 rushing yards per game over Tech's final seven games, surpassing the 100-yard mark in all of them.

Defense The Yellow Jackets lose only one starter from each level of the defense in tackle Joe Anoai, weak-side linebacker KaMichael Hall and cornerback Kenny Scott. As good as Anoai was, his effort level will be more difficult to replace than his skill set, although the

Jackets are deeper in ends than tackles.

That could lead to senior end Adamm Oliver, second-team All-ACC, playing inside more than he did late last season. There was concern in the spring that pass-rushing expert Michael Johnson's recurring groin/abdominal problems could flare up, but highly touted freshmen Derrick Morgan and Jason Peters are among those in the wings.

Middle linebacker Philip Wheeler looks like one of the ACC's best defenders, and in the secondary, safety Jamal Lewis has NFL written all over him. The cornerback spots are a bit of a question, although senior Avery Roberson is likely to lock down one of them.

It would help defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta's blitz and cover schemes if he could find another dependable corner or two in summer workouts.

Specialists If Tech can figure out how to cover kickoffs, which the Jackets failed miserably at last season, special teams should be a strength.

Punter Durant Brooks was one of the best in the nation last year, when he was second-team All-American, and fellow senior kicker Travis Bell has in the past shown that he can be a front-line kicker (although that was as a sophomore, when he was All-ACC).

Final Analysis There are plenty of reasons for Tech fans to be excited, although it might help if the ACC has another down season, as it did last season when Miami and Florida State (whom the Jackets didn't and won't play, respectively) were way off their usual marks and Clemson (in the other division) caved in down the stretch.

One could argue that Tech's greatest shortcoming over the second half of last season and in the ACC Championship Game loss to Wake Forest (9-6) was Ball. He's gone. Sure, uber-wide receiver Calvin Johnson is history, too, but the Jackets are fairly experienced at almost every position save wide receiver and quarterback.



Tashard Choice

Offense (7)

WR	89 James Johnson (Jr.)	15 Correy Earls (Fr.)
WR	8 Demarius Thomas (Fr.)	5 Greg Smith (So.)
LT	71 Cord Howard (So.)	53 A.J. Smith (Jr.)
LG	61 Matt Rhodes (Sr.)	77 Dan Voss (So.)
C	60 Kevin Tuminello (Sr.)	74 Trey Dunmon (So.)
RG	73 Nate McManus (Sr.)	74 Trey Dunmon (So.)
RT	64 Andrew Gardner (Jr.)	Nick Clayton (Fr.)
TE	84 Colin Peek (So.)	85 Austin Barrick (Fr.)
QB	13 Taylor Bennett (Jr.)	Josh Nesbitt (Fr.)
FB	40 Mike Cox (Sr.)	49 Trevor Bray (Fr.)
RB	22 Tashard Choice (Sr.)	20 Jamaal Evans (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	90 Darrell Robertson (Sr.)	91 Derrick Morgan (Fr.)
DT	95 Darryl Richard (Jr.)	94 Elris Anyaibe (Jr.)
DT	99 Vance Walker (Jr.)	98 Ben Anderson (Fr.)
DE	42 Adamm Oliver (Sr.)	93 Michael Johnson (Jr.)
WLB	58 Gary Guyton (Sr.)	44 Taalib Tucker (Jr.)
MLB	41 Philip Wheeler (Sr.)	17 Matt Braman (Jr.)
SLB	12 Anthony Barnes (Fr.)	57 Shane Bowen (So.)
CB	34 Avery Roberson (Sr.)	6 Pat Clark (Sr.)
CB	32 Jahi Word-Daniels (Jr.)	Mario Butler (Fr.)
SS	4 Jamal Lewis (Sr.)	37 Joe Gaston (Sr.)
FS	23 Djay Jones (Sr.)	Morgan Burnett (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	87 Travis Bell (Sr.)	KR	20 Jamaal Evans (So.)
P	39 Durant Brooks (Sr.)	PR	83 Andrew Smith (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Taylor Bennett, 58-35-523-2, 5 TDs
Rushing: Tashard Choice, 297 car., 1,473 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: James Johnson, 39 rec., 608 yds., 7 TDs
Tackles: Philip Wheeler, 89, 52 solo; Jamal Lewis, 74, 48 solo
Sacks: Philip Wheeler, 9
Interceptions: Djay Jones, 4 for 29 yds.

(*) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Notre Dame	W
S. 8	Samford	W
S. 15	Boston College	W
S. 22	at Virginia	W
S. 29	Clemson	W
O. 6	at Maryland	W
O. 13	at Miami	*
O. 20	Army	W
N. 1	Virginia Tech	*
N. 10	at Duke	W
N. 17	North Carolina	W
N. 24	Georgia	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Notre Dame	L	10-14
S. 9	Samford	W	38-6
S. 16	Troy	W	35-20
S. 21	Virginia	W	24-7
S. 30	at Virginia Tech	W	38-27
O. 7	Maryland	W	27-23
O. 21	at Clemson	L	7-31
O. 28	Miami	W	30-23
N. 4	at NC State	W	31-23
N. 11	at North Carolina	W	7-0
N. 18	Duke	W	49-21
N. 25	at Georgia	L	12-15
D. 2	Wake Forest	L	6-9
J. 1	#West Virginia	L	35-38
	#Gator Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.9 ppg	54
Rushing	162.4 ypg	35
Passing	169.6 ypg	91
Total	332.1 ypg	67
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.4 ppg	27
Rushing	104.8 ypg	20
Passing	195.8 ypg	49
Total	300.6 ypg	27
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.21	43

Head Coach: Chan Gailey

2006 Record (ACC): 9-5 (7-1)

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UCLA

BRUINS

NATIONAL FORECAST

PAC-10 PREDICTION

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Offense Quarterback Ben Olson played significantly for the first time since 2001, but a knee injury cut his season short after five games and cost him vital experience. However, the 6'5", 227-pound Olson still possesses arguably the strongest arm in the conference and enough agility to avoid pressure. Now, it is a matter of fulfilling potential.

UCLA is missing an explosive threat at running back, but senior Chris Markey brings an element of toughness and versatility to the offense. He led the Bruins in rushing and receptions in 2006 but acknowledges he could have run harder and with more of an edge late in the season.

Marcus Everett, Joe Cowan, Terrence Austin, Jeremy McGee, Gavin Kerchum and Brandon Breazell give UCLA plenty of depth at receiver, which should open up the passing game because of the experience.

The Bruins scrapped the strong-side, weak-side offensive line approach and went back to the traditional left and right side alignments, then altered pretty much everything else. Chris Joseph moved from guard to center, Noah Sutherland was moved from tackle to left guard, and Micah Kia was put at left tackle after spending 2006 as a rarely used backup.

player in the nation, could see double teams if Dragovic does not play well.

Small is the way for UCLA's linebackers as second-year defensive coordinator DeWayne Walker tries to utilize this unit's speed and smarts to offset the lack of size. Senior middle linebacker Christian Taylor (6'0", 222 pounds) was limited in spring practice as he continued to recover from a badly sprained ankle suffered midway through the season. Weak-side linebacker Reggie Carter is UCLA's best hitter, and should be a tackling machine.

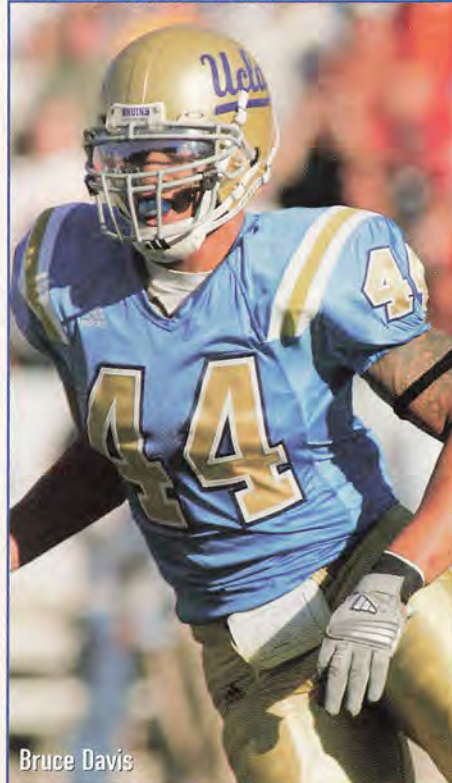
Senior cornerbacks Trey Brown and Rodney Van, free safety Dennis Keyes and strong safety Chris Horton comprise arguably the best secondary in the conference. Brown enters the season with 30 straight starts, but Van needs to be more consistent or he will lose playing time to Alterraun Verner. Walker likes to utilize nickel packages, and his choices will increase with the return of Michael Norris, who missed last season with a knee injury.

Specialists Redshirt freshman Kai Forbath once kicked a 57-yard field goal in high school, so the leg strength is evident. However, he replaces All-American Justin Medlock, who made 28-of-32 field goal attempts last season.

Final Analysis Karl Dorrell is hoping to catch lightning in a bottle for a second straight season with the hiring of offensive coordinator Jay Norvell. Dorrell looked great in coaxing Walker from the NFL to be the defensive coordinator for the 2006 season; now Norvell gets the reins of an offense returning 10 starters.

Defensively, UCLA also returns 10 starters. What it lacks in size, it makes up for in speed. The tackling should be better than 2006, and knowledge of Walker's scheme and approach should be a big benefit.

Add in UCLA's favorable schedule — the Bruins' Pac-10 road games are Stanford, Oregon State, Washington State, Arizona and USC — and this team could be contending for a BCS berth.



Bruce Davis

Offense (10)

SE	9 Marcus Everett (Sr.)	10 Gavin Ketchum (Jr.)
FL	1 Brandon Breazell (Sr.)	26 Joe Cowan (Sr.)
LT	73 Micah Kia (So.)	68 Brian Abraham (Sr.)
LG	74 Noah Sutherland (Sr.)	67 P.J. Irvin (Sr.)
C	60 Chris Joseph (Sr.)	50 Aaron Meyer (Jr.)
RG	71 Shannon Tévaga (Sr.)	75 Nick Ekbatani (Jr.)
RT	78 Aleksey Lanis (So.)	68 Brian Abraham (Sr.)
TE	86 Logan Paulsen (Jr.)	15 Ryan Moya (Jr.)
QB	7 Ben Olson (Jr.)	12 Patrick Cowan (Jr.)
FB	32 Michael Pitre (Sr.)	42 Chane Moline (So.)
TB	28 Chris Markey (Sr.)	36 Kahlil Bell (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE	96 Nikola Dragovic (Sr.)	89 Tom Blake (Jr.)
DT	93 Brigham Harwell (Sr.)	Brian Price (Fr.)
DT	75 Kevin Brown (Sr.)	50 Chase Moline (Jr.)
DE	44 Bruce Davis (Sr.)	77 Kenneth Lombard (Jr.)
SLB	42 Aaron Whittington (Sr.)	12 John Hale (Jr.)
MLB	33 Christian Taylor (Sr.)	54 Kyle Bosworth (Jr.)
WLB	51 Reggie Carter (So.)	8 Shawn Oatis (So.)
CB	23 Trey Brown (Sr.)	22 Michael Norris (Jr.)
CB	3 Rodney Van (Sr.)	1 Alterraun Verner (So.)
SS	14 Chris Horton (Sr.)	25 Bret Lockett (Jr.)
FS	11 Dennis Keyes (Sr.)	27 Aaron Ware (So.)

Special Teams

K	15 Kai Forbath (Fr.)	KR	3 Jeremy McGee (So.)
P	17 Aaron Perez (Jr.)	PR	4 Terrence Austin (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Patrick Cowan, 276-145-1,782-9, 11 TDs
Rushing: Chris Markey, 227 car., 1,107 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Chris Markey, 35 rec., 261 yds., 0 TD
Tackles: Chris Horton, 95, 64 solo
Sacks: Bruce Davis, 12.5
Interceptions: Trey Brown, 4 for 38 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

91

UCLA allowed 91.1 rushing yards per game last season to rank ninth in the nation in that category. The Bruins allowed 232.8 per game in 2005.

Defense Although the Bruins plan to line returning senior All-America defensive end Bruce Davis up on the open side (away from the tight end) whenever possible, opponents are likely to make senior Nikola Dragovic prove he can impact a game before committing too many blockers to him. Davis, whose 12.5 sacks in 2006 is the most of any returning

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Stanford	W
S. 8	BYU	W
S. 15	at Utah	W
S. 22	Washington	W
S. 29	at Oregon State	*
O. 6	Notre Dame	W
O. 20	California	*
O. 27	at Washington State	W
N. 3	at Arizona	W
N. 10	Arizona State	W
N. 24	Oregon	W
D. 1	at USC	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Utah	W	31-10
S. 9	Rice	W	26-16
S. 23	at Washington	L	19-29
S. 30	Stanford	W	31-0
O. 7	Arizona	W	27-7
O. 14	at Oregon	L	20-30
O. 21	at Notre Dame	L	17-20
O. 28	Washington State	L	15-37
N. 4	at California	L	24-38
N. 11	Oregon State	W	25-7
N. 18	at Arizona State	W	24-12
D. 2	USC	W	13-9
D. 27	#Florida State	L	27-44

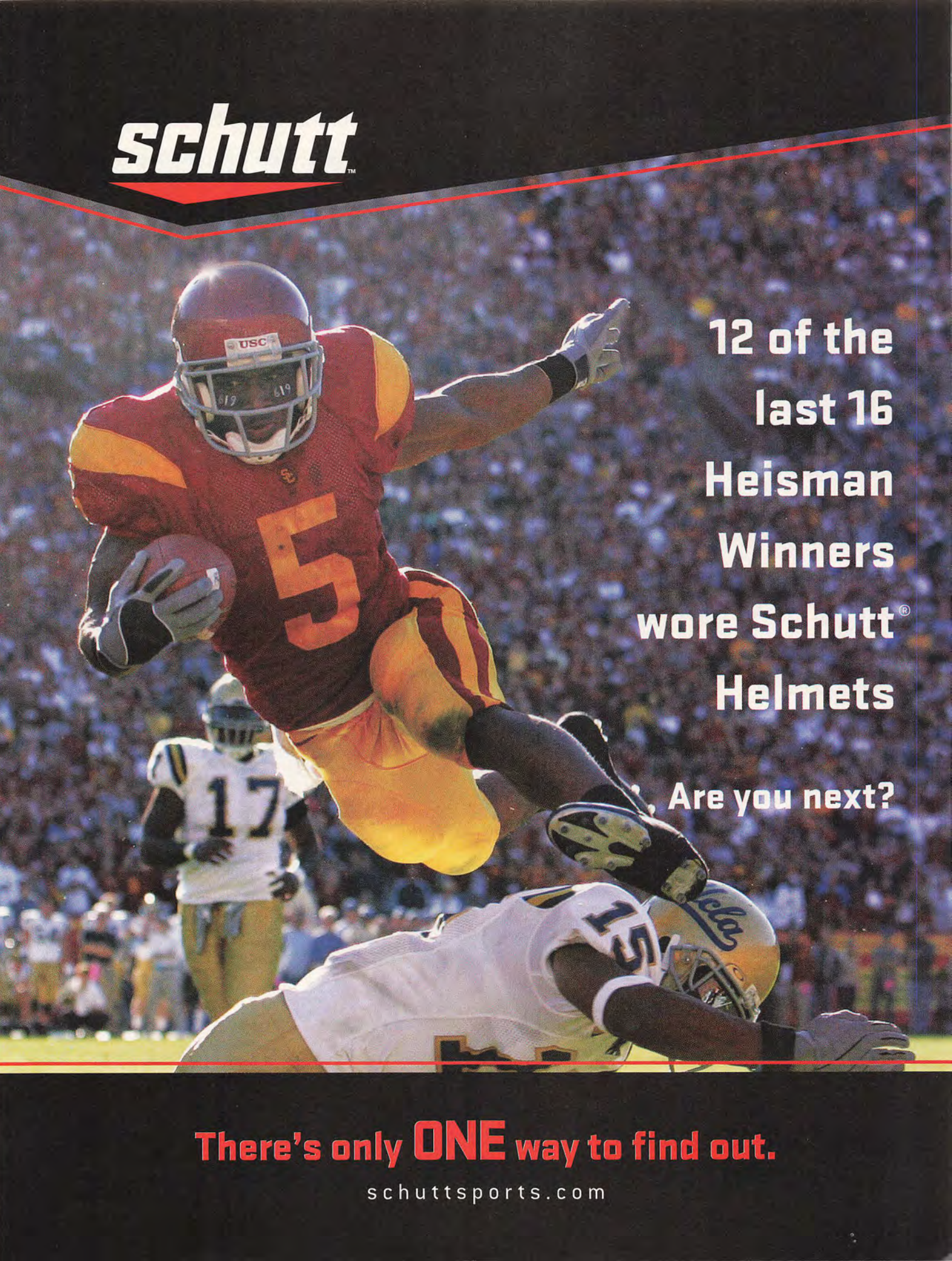
#Emerald Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	64
Rushing	129.8 ypg	63
Passing	200.3 ypg	56
Total	330.1 ypg	71
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	39
Rushing	91.1 ypg	9
Passing	223.4 ypg	87
Total	314.5 ypg	35
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	38

Head Coach: Karl Dorrell

2006 Record (Pac-10): 7-6 (5-4)



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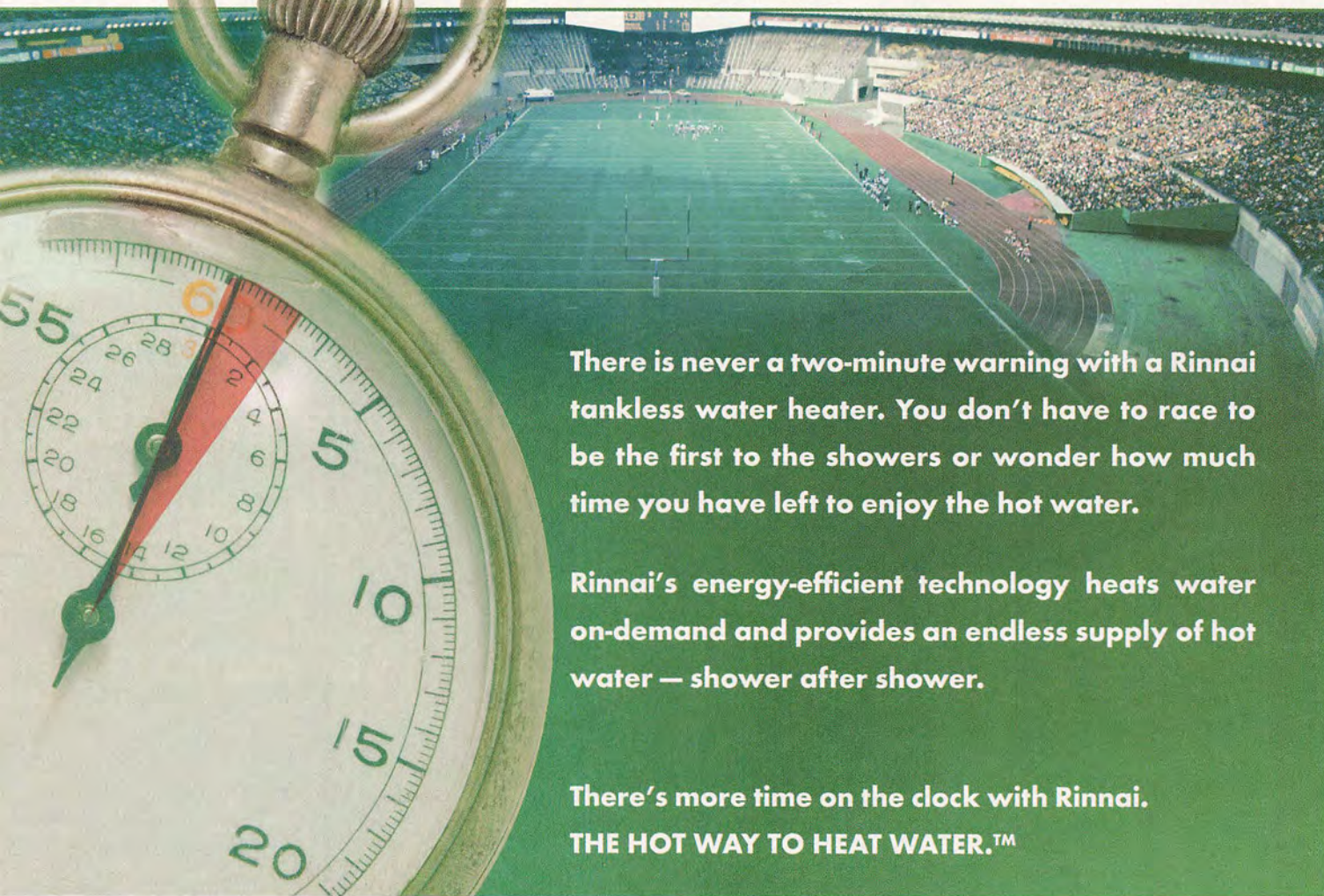
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GEORGIA BULLDOGS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Georgia sophomore quarterback Matthew Stafford has it all, including, at least last year, too much confidence. The Texas native threw 13 interceptions while starting eight games as a true freshman. He had three three-interception games but embraced offensive coordinator Mike Bobo's motto — "Sometimes you have to punt, and there's nothing wrong with punting," Bobo says — down the stretch. Stafford had one interception the last three games of the year.

Behind Stafford will be another stable of running backs, led by seniors Gregg Lumpkin and Thomas Brown. Both have career averages of 4.9 yards per carry. Redshirt freshman Knowshon Moreno and true freshman Caleb King both have a reputation for making the big plays Georgia has sorely lacked.

The best player in the backfield is also the most overlooked. Junior fullback Brannan Southerland is a devastating blocker. Last year, he became the first fullback since 1957 to lead the Bulldogs in scoring, with 10 touchdowns.

Defense The Bulldog defense was supposed to be a strength, but the offense had its way in the spring, leaving plenty of questions to be answered in fall camp. The most glaring problem in the spring was the secondary, despite the fact that it should have leadership from senior safety Kelin Johnson and senior cornerback Paul Oliver.

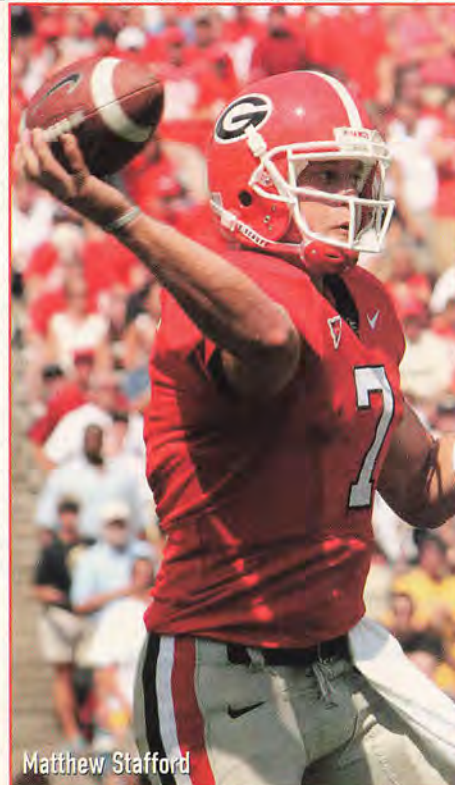
On the defensive line, Georgia probably will start the 220-pound Marcus Howard at end. The former linebacker's quickness will get him some sacks, but teams will run at him.

Georgia's most experienced linebacker — senior Brandon Miller — has been moved from the strong side to the middle, so this group feels brand new. They want to act like it, too, hoping to build a reputation for speed and aggression. Miller and fellow projected starters Dannell Ellerbe and Darius Dewberry could be the most athletically gifted linebackers in the SEC, but they have yet to prove they can make their production match their talents.

Specialists There will be a competition for the punting job, but senior Brandon Coutu has the placekicking job wrapped up. He'll be an All-America candidate and the most dangerous kicker in the SEC.

Final Analysis Georgia went into spring practice worried about its offense and came out worried about its defense. The Bulldogs' defense gave up big plays all spring to the offense. The defensive line, without departed ends Quentin Moses and Charles Johnson, has to get pressure on opposing quarterbacks to provide enough support for an athletic but inexperienced secondary.

If the defensive coaches can get things straightened out in the offseason, Georgia has a chance to compete for the SEC title again, because the offense seems to be on track. In fact, if all of the Bulldogs' playmakers on that side of the ball play to their potential, this could be the most exciting offensive year of Richt's tenure in Athens.



Matthew Stafford

Offense (7)

SE	1 Mohamed Massaquoi (Jr.)	27 Mikey Henderson (Sr.)
FL	4 Sean Bailey (Sr.)	18 A.J. Bryant (Sr.)
LT	77 Trinton Sturdivant (Fr.)	72 Vince Vance (So.)
LG	63 Chris Davis (Fr.)	54 Tanner Strickland (Fr.)
C	75 Fernando Velasco (Sr.)	74 Kevin Perez (Fr.)
RG	70 Scott Haverkamp (Jr.)	79 Justin Anderson (Fr.)
RT	67 Chester Adams (Sr.)	78 Josh Davis (Fr.)
TE	86 Tripp Chandler (Jr.)	81 NaDerris Ward (Fr.)
QB	7 Matthew Stafford (So.)	14 Joe Cox (So.)
FB	36 Brannan Southerland (Jr.)	39 Jason Johnson (Sr.)
TB	6 Gregg Lumpkin (Sr.)	20 Thomas Brown (Sr.)

Defense (3)

DE	99 Jarius Wynn (Jr.)	41 Roderick Battle (So.)
DT	91 Kade Weston (So.)	90 Corvey Irvin (Jr.)
DT	95 Jeff Owens (Jr.)	56 Geno Atkins (So.)
DE	38 Marcus Howard (Sr.)	58 Demarcus Dobbs (Fr.)
SLB	52 Darius Dewberry (So.)	51 Akeem Dent (Fr.)
MLB	12 Brandon Miller (Sr.)	50 Darryl Gamble (Fr.)
WLB	33 Dannell Ellerbe (Jr.)	37 Akeem Hebron (Fr.)
CB	3 Bryan Evans (So.)	23 Prince Miller (So.)
CB	8 Paul Oliver (Sr.)	2 Asher Allen (So.)
SS	30 Kelin Johnson (Sr.)	31 Quentin Banks (Fr.)
FS	5 C.J. Byrd (So.)	9 Reshad Jones (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	96 Brandon Coutu (Sr.)	KR	2 Asher Allen (Sr.)
P	Drew Butler (Fr.)	PR	27 Mikey Henderson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Matthew Stafford, 256-135-1,749-13, 7 TDs

Rushing: Gregg Lumpkin, 162 car., 798 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Mohamed Massaquoi, 30 rec., 366 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Kelin Johnson, 60, 48 solo

Sacks: Two players tied with 3

Interceptions: Paul Oliver, 3 for 44 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

25

Georgia's offensive linemen have combined for only 25 career starts. All 25 belong to Chester Adams and Fernando Velasco.

Georgia also has a plethora of wide receivers who look good in their uniforms but have dropped too many key passes. Look for senior Mikey Henderson to have a bigger role under Bobo. Senior Sean Bailey likely will start along with junior Mohamed Massaquoi.

The Bulldogs brought in five new offensive linemen in time to participate in spring practice and two of them — true freshman Trinton Sturdivant and junior college transfer Scott Haverkamp — look like starters heading into the fall. This group's development will be the biggest key to the offense.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Oklahoma State	W
S. 8	South Carolina	W
S. 15	Western Carolina	W
S. 22	at Alabama	*
S. 29	Ole Miss	W
O. 6	at Tennessee	*
O. 13	at Vanderbilt	W
O. 27	#Florida	*
N. 3	Troy	W
N. 10	Auburn	*
N. 17	Kentucky	W
N. 24	at Georgia Tech	*

#Jacksonville, FL
Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Western Kentucky	W	48-12
S. 9	at South Carolina	W	18-0
S. 16	UAB	W	34-0
S. 23	Colorado	W	14-13
S. 30	at Ole Miss	W	14-9
O. 7	Tennessee	L	33-51
O. 14	Vanderbilt	L	22-24
O. 21	Mississippi State	W	27-24
O. 28	at Florida	L	14-21
N. 4	at Kentucky	L	20-24
N. 11	at Auburn	W	37-15
N. 25	Georgia Tech	W	15-12
D. 30	#Virginia Tech	W	31-24

#Chick-Fil-A Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.2 ppg	53
Rushing	127.4 ypg	71
Passing	184.4 ypg	79
Total	311.8 ypg	90
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.6 ppg	20
Rushing	108.2 ypg	27
Passing	150.0 ypg	5
Total	258.2 ypg	8
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Mark Richt

2006 Record (SEC): 9-4 (4-4)



PENN STATE

NITTANY LIONS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

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Offense Penn State returns eight starters on offense. So why are Nittany Lion followers so skittish? Maybe because this team was ninth in the Big Ten in scoring last year. Or because skepticism comes naturally to Penn Staters, particularly with regard to the passing game.

The Lions played it safe during Anthony Morelli's first season as starting quarterback, favoring sideline routes in a bid to minimize turnovers. The strategy worked. Morelli threw only eight interceptions despite attempting a school-record 386 passes. But he also finished with only 11 touchdown passes and a completion rate of 53.9 percent. Now that he has a full season of experience and a stable of blue-chip wideouts at his disposal — juniors Deon Butler, Derrick Williams and Jordan Norwood are the standouts — the Lions figure to give Morelli's world-class arm a workout.

The tailback spot is a concern. Senior Austin Scott redshirted last season after his knee and ankle were injured in spring practice. He's pointing to former Penn State great Larry Johnson as his inspiration, noting that Johnson was a backup before shining in his final season. But Johnson was indestructible. Scott must stay healthy if he's going to leave Penn State as an NFL hopeful.

He's also going to need consistent blocking. While Penn State returns center A.Q. Shipley, right guard Rich Ohrnberger and right tackle John Shaw, the left side of the line is under construction.

99

Senior linebacker Dan Connor needs 99 tackles to pass Paul Posluszny as the Nittany Lions' all-time leading tackler. Posluszny has 372.

Defense All-America linebacker Paul Posluszny is gone, but opponents are apt to find the drop-off here depressingly slight. The Lions are still loaded. Senior Dan Connor will probably start

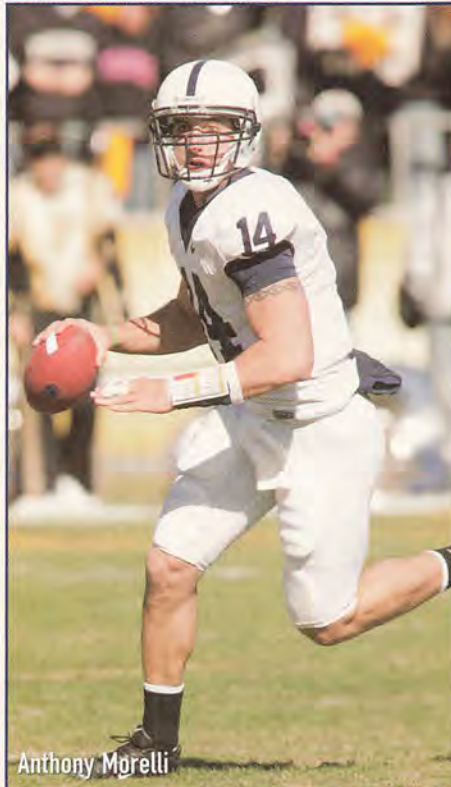
at inside linebacker after three years outside. Connor has some of Posluszny's attributes — great closing speed, a penchant for diagnosing plays and an aggressive demeanor. He should be an effective middle man.

Penn State is rebuilding its line, but the talent pool is deep. Junior end Josh Gaines showed promise as a starter last fall. The players who will line up alongside him — most likely Maurice Evans at end and Abe Koroma and Jared Odrick at tackle — all looked good in spring practice.

The secondary was looking like another strength, but that was before standout safety Anthony Scirrotto was arrested in April in connection with a fight at an off-campus apartment. His loss would be a significant blow to the defense.

Specialists Bothered by a pelvic fracture, Kevin Kelly was erratic as a sophomore, making only 22-of-34 field goal attempts. The Lions will need more consistency this fall. They will also need a new punter. Expect sophomore walk-on Jeremy Boone to do battle with incoming freshman Ryan Breen.

Final Analysis The Lions think they have championship potential. We'll see. They have a huge hole to fill at left tackle and are building their running game around two injury-prone tailbacks in Scott and Rodney Kinlaw. Trouble at either of those spots could consign this team to a second-division Big Ten finish. Moreover, the charges against Scirrotto and defensive tackle Chris Baker cast a shadow over the program in the spring and could torpedo Joe Paterno's bid for one last title. Still, the schedule is friendly, with Notre Dame, Ohio State, Iowa and Wisconsin all set to visit Beaver Stadium. And Morelli, for all the concern about the passing game, has made steady progress. If he can lead Penn State past the Irish in week two and help slay Michigan in Ann Arbor, the championship talk will get a lot louder.



Anthony Morelli

Offense (8)

WR	2 Derrick Williams (Jr.)	4 Terrell Golden (Sr.)
WR	3 Deon Butler (Jr.)	24 Jordan Norwood (Jr.)
LT	76 Gerald Cadogan (Jr.)	73 Dennis Landolt (So.)
LG	55 Elijah Robinson (Jr.)	77 Lou Eliades (Fr.)
C	57 A.Q. Shipley (Jr.)	62 Ross Muir (Jr.)
RG	64 Rich Ohrnberger (Jr.)	56 Austin Hinton (Jr.)
RT	78 John Shaw (Sr.)	63 Joe Toriello (Jr.)
TE	10 Andrew Quarless (So.)	89 Jordan Lyons (Jr.)
QB	14 Anthony Morelli (Sr.)	17 Darryl Clark (Jr.)
FB	34 Matt Hahn (Sr.)	38 Dan Lawlor (Jr.)
RB	33 Austin Scott (Sr.)	20 Rodney Kinlaw (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE	47 Josh Gaines (Jr.)	59 Aaron Maybin (Fr.)
DT	97 Abe Koroma (Fr.)	90 Philip Taylor (So.)
DT	91 Jared Odrick (So.)	55 Tom McEwen (Fr.)
DE	48 Maurice Evans (So.)	87 Chris Rogers (Jr.)
OLB	45 Sean Lee (Jr.)	5 Jerome Hayes (So.)
ILB	40 Dan Connor (Sr.)	52 Dontey Brown (Jr.)
OLB	15 Bani Gbadyu (Fr.)	46 Tyrell Sales (Jr.)
CB	1 Justin King (Jr.)	6 Willie Harriott (So.)
CB	12 A.J. Wallace (So.)	21 Knowledge Timmons (So.)
SS	37 Spencer Ridenhour (Jr.)	9 Mark Rubin (Jr.)
FS	11 Tony Davis (Jr.)	27 Travis McBride (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	23 Kevin Kelly (Jr.)	KR	12 A.J. Wallace (So.)
P	41 Jeremy Boone (So.)	PR	2 Derrick Williams (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Anthony Morelli, 386-208-2,424-8, 11 TDs
Rushing: Rodney Kinlaw, 39 car., 199 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Deon Butler, 48 rec., 637 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Dan Connor, 113, 70 solo
Sacks: Sean Lee, 5.5
Interceptions: Dan Connor, 2 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Florida International	W
S. 8	Notre Dame	W
S. 15	Buffalo	W
S. 22	at Michigan	L
S. 29	at Illinois	W
O. 6	Iowa	W
O. 13	Wisconsin	L
O. 20	at Indiana	W
O. 27	Ohio State	*
N. 3	Purdue	W
N. 10	at Temple	W
N. 17	at Michigan State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Akron	W	34-16
S. 9	at Notre Dame	L	17-41
S. 16	Youngstown State	W	37-3
S. 23	at Ohio State	L	6-28
S. 30	Northwestern	W	33-7
O. 7	at Minnesota (ot)	W	28-27
O. 14	Michigan	L	10-17
O. 21	Illinois	W	26-12
O. 28	at Purdue	W	12-0
N. 4	at Wisconsin	L	3-13
N. 11	Temple	W	47-0
N. 18	Michigan State	W	17-13
J. 1	#Tennessee	W	20-10

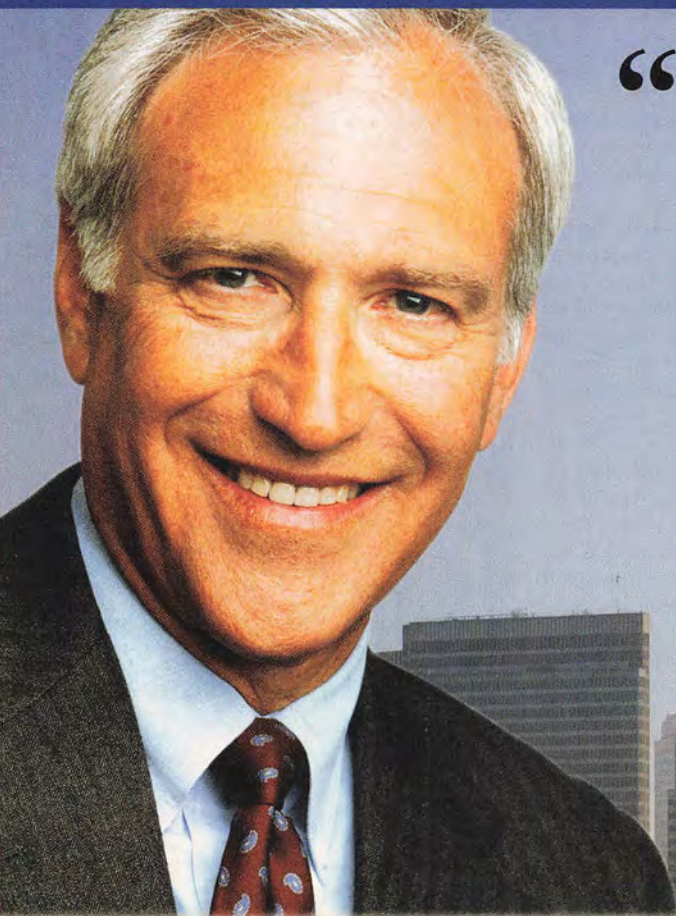
#Outback Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	72
Rushing	150.0 ypg	43
Passing	199.9 ypg	58
Total	349.9 ypg	53
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.4 ppg	9
Rushing	87.5 ypg	7
Passing	197.0 ypg	53
Total	284.5 ypg	15
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: Joe Paterno

2006 Record (Big Ten): 9-4 (5-3)



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NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

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Offense Nebraska improved markedly in most areas last season, a reflection of growing comfort in coach Bill Callahan's system but also of quarterback Zac Taylor's decision-making and leadership. Taylor is gone, and Callahan has maintained he won't identify a successor until the week of the opener. Most likely it will be Sam Keller, a much-publicized transfer from Arizona State with one season of eligibility, though junior Joe Ganz has spent three years learning the system. And knowledge of the West Coast offense and its progressions can be power, as Taylor showed.

Maurice Purify and Terrence Nunn lead a solid group of receivers. Purify, who caught 34 passes for 630 yards and seven touchdowns, fits Callahan's profile — big-bodied and athletic. Nunn could become the top pass catcher in school history, surpassing 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers. But someone has to get them the ball. Marlon Lucky, also a receiving threat, and Cody Glenn are complementary I-backs, but health is a concern, especially for Glenn, who was still bothered by a foot injury in the spring.

59

The Cornhuskers scored 59 touchdowns in 2006, compared to 37 and 34 in coach Bill Callahan's first two seasons. His West Coast offense is beginning to produce.

The line should be better and deeper. Callahan has placed a premium on size, and recruiting has accomplished that. The line will be big and physical.

Defense Linebacking is the strength of the defense, led by two-year starters Corey McKeon and Bo Ruud, who has been moved from weak side to strong side to utilize his pass rushing and coverage ability in redefined

responsibilities at his new position. McKeon gets the job done in the middle with speed and quickness and is a vocal leader, not just for the defense.

The secondary will be better, even though the status of cornerback Zack Bowman is uncertain. Cortney Grixby and Andre Jones are proven corners, and junior college transfer Armando Murillo got an early start in the spring. More physical play on the back end is an emphasis, and there appear to be safeties who can provide it.

The concern on defense, and a significant one, is up front, where everyone must be replaced, including Big 12 D-Lineman of the Year Adam Carriker. Establishing a line from a group that includes tackles Ndamukong Suh and Ty Steinkuhler and end Barry Turner will be the key to duplicating last season's success.

Specialists The surprise departure of Jordan Congdon, a freshman All-American in 2005, has left the placekicking duties up for grabs during preseason practice. Walk-on Jake Wesch, Congdon's backup who handled kickoffs, and redshirt freshman Alex Henery competed in the spring, but the competition will be open again when freshman Adi Kunalic arrives. Punter Dan Titchener returns.

Final Analysis Nebraska figures to repeat as Big 12 North champion, and with an indoor title game at the Alamodome it would have a better shot to win this time. North Division or not, the Cornhusker offense is built for controlled conditions, hardly the case last season in Kansas City. Though getting to San Antonio isn't a lock, it's certainly expected. And not just that. Nebraska hasn't had a Top 10 ranking since mid-October 2003, and if it is to return to national prominence, Callahan needs a signature victory. The Cornhuskers played four teams ranked in the Top 10 at the time last season and lost all four. Considering this is Callahan's fourth season in charge of the program, that has to change.



Marlon Lucky

Offense (6)

WR 83 Terrence Nunn (Sr.)	7 Frantz Hardy (Sr.)
WR 16 Maurice Purify (Sr.)	17 Todd Peterson (Jr.)
WR 87 Nate Swift (Jr.)	4 Menelik Holt (So.)
LT 77 Carl Nicks (Sr.)	97 Jacob Hickman (So.)
LG 62 Andy Christensen (Jr.)	68 Keith Williams (Fr.)
C 59 Brett Byford (Sr.)	75 Victory Haines (Sr.)
RG 70 Matt Slauson (Jr.)	61 Mike Huff (Jr.)
RT 76 Lydon Murtha (Jr.)	73 D.J. Jones (Fr.)
TE 85 J.B. Phillips (Sr.)	89 Hunter Teafatiller (Jr.)
QB 9 Sam Keller (Sr.)	12 Joe Ganz (Jr.)
IB 20 Marlon Lucky (Jr.)	34 Cody Glenn (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 98 Zach Potter (Jr.)	95 Pierre Allen (Fr.)
NT 93 Ndamukong Suh (So.)	56 Shukree Barfield (Jr.)
DT 43 Ty Steinkuhler (Jr.)	Kevin Dixon (Jr.)
DE 99 Barry Turner (Jr.)	88 Clayton Sievers (Jr.)
LB 51 Bo Ruud (Sr.)	38 Kyle Moore (Fr.)
LB 13 Corey McKeon (Sr.)	52 Phillip Dillard (So.)
LB 15 Steve Octavien (Sr.)	40 Lance Brandenburg (Sr.)
CB 2 Cortney Grixby (Sr.)	5 Armando Murillo (Jr.)
CB 25 Andre Jones (Sr.)	14 Zack Bowman (Sr.)
S 30 Tierre Green (Sr.)	9 Bryan Wilson (Sr.)
S 4 Larry Asante (So.)	3 Rickey Thenarse (So.)

Special Teams

K 37 Jake Wesch (Jr.)	KR 83 Terrence Nunn (Sr.)
P 97 Dan Titchener (Jr.)	PR 20 Marlon Lucky (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joe Ganz, 13-7-122-0, 3 TDs
Rushing: Marlon Lucky, 141 car., 728 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Terrence Nunn, 42 rec., 597 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Andre Jones, 74, 52 solo; Corey McKeon, 69, 32 solo
Sacks: Ndamukong Suh, 3.5
Interceptions: Bo Ruud, 2 for 54 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Nevada	W
S. 8 at Wake Forest	W
S. 15 USC	L
S. 22 Ball State	W
S. 29 Iowa State	W
O. 6 at Missouri	W
O. 13 Oklahoma State	W
O. 20 Texas A&M	*
O. 27 at Texas	L
N. 3 at Kansas	W
N. 10 Kansas State	W
N. 23 at Colorado	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Louisiana Tech	W	49-10
S. 9 Nicholls State	W	56-7
S. 16 at USC	L	10-28
S. 23 Troy	W	56-0
S. 30 Kansas	(ot) W	39-32
O. 7 at Iowa State	W	28-14
O. 14 at Kansas State	W	21-3
O. 21 Texas	L	20-22
O. 28 at Oklahoma State	L	29-41
N. 4 Missouri	W	34-20
N. 11 at Texas A&M	W	28-27
N. 24 Colorado	W	37-14
D. 2 *Oklahoma	L	7-21
J. 1 #Auburn	L	14-17

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 #Cotton Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.6 ppg	17
Rushing	170.5 ypg	23
Passing	244.1 ypg	23
Total	414.6 ypg	14
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	24
Rushing	116.6 ypg	37
Passing	215.3 ypg	79
Total	331.9 ypg	56
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Bill Callahan

2006 Record (Big 12): 9-5 (6-2)

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HAWAII

WARRIORS

NATIONAL FORECAST

WAC PREDICTION

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Offense During an 11-3 campaign last year the Warriors' offense averaged 46.9 points and 559.2 yards per game while matching the most wins in school history.

Quarterback Colt Brennan was the nation's most productive passer — with 5,549 yards, 58 touchdowns and only 12 interceptions. Brennan, who finished sixth in last year's Heisman Trophy balloting and pulled his name from NFL Draft consideration just before the January deadline, won't be strapped for weapons as the Warriors take aim at what would be their first outright WAC title.

Three of Hawaii's four starting receivers return, including Davone Bess and Jason Rivers, who both produced over 1,100 yards in 2006.

Just two starters return on the line — guards John Estes and Hercules Satele — although several backups saw extensive action while the Warriors were lighting up scoreboards last season. The key figures to be at center where Lafu Tuoti-Mariner is attempting to fill the considerable vacancy left by Samson Satele, a two-time All-WAC selection who made the Warriors' blocking calls.

Defense The biggest addition to the Warriors is defensive coordinator Greg McMackin, who replaces Jerry Glanville. The McMackin era begins with a return to the 4-3 defense after two years of a 3-4 scheme under Glanville.

A hard-hitting, veteran linebacker corps looks to be the strength of the defense this year. Competition for jobs in the new three-man group should be fierce. Adam Leonard and Solomon Elimimian have been All-WAC performers and, between them, led the team in tackles over the past two seasons. Blaze Soares, Brad Kalilimoku, C.J. Allen-Jones, Micah Lau and Tyson Kafentzis all bring starting experience to the field.

Question marks come into play on the defensive line, which loses a pair of pro prospects, Ikaika Alama-Francis and Melilia Purcell, at the ends.

In the secondary, last year's struggles with inexperience have left the Warriors with a lineup that includes three returning starters — Gerard Lewis and Myron Newberry at cornerbacks and safety Jake Patek.

Specialists Dan Kelly has the placekicking job nailed down. He made 13-of-17 field goal tries last year, including a 52-yarder. The seldom-used punter position is up for grabs for the first time in five years. Bess, who was a punter in high school, could figure in the equation.

Final Analysis How do you improve on leading the country in passing, scoring and total offense while setting or tying 16 NCAA records? "I think it can be done," says Brennan, who won the Sammy Baugh Trophy as the nation's top quarterback last year.

Brennan doesn't need to reset all of his records, but he'll need to be sharp again this year for the Warriors to contend. A relatively soft opening schedule gives way to a tough four-game finish in November and December. If they can patch up the offensive line and find a productive replacement for Ilaoa, the Warriors could find themselves BCS-bound.



Colt Brennan

29

Quarterback Colt Brennan needs 29 touchdowns to break Ty Detmer's NCAA career mark of 121 (1988-91). Brennan has 93 in two seasons.

Replacing running back Nate Ilaoa — who was a triple-threat runner, receiver and blocker — will be difficult. Ilaoa led the WAC in yards per carry (7.6). There is a committee of candidates seeking to take over, with Kealoha Pilares, the 2005 Hawaii high school Offensive Player of the Year, and junior college transfer Leon Wright-Jackson, at the head of the line. Jackson saw action as a freshman at Nebraska in 2005, and Pilares is a transfer from the Air Force Academy.

Offense (6)

WR 84 Jason Rivers (Sr.)	36 Greg Salas (Fr.)
WR 89 Malcom Lane (So.)	19 C.J. Hawthorne (Sr.)
SB 7 Davone Bess (Jr.)	5 Michael Washington (Jr.)
SB 1 Ryan Grice-Mullen (Jr.)	85 Aaron Bain (Jr.)
LT 77 Aaron Kia (So.)	50 Laupepa Letuli (So.)
LG 65 Hercules Satele (Sr.)	69 Daniel Johnson (So.)
C 51 Lafu Tuoti-Mariner (Jr.)	63 Brysen Ginlack (Fr.)
RG 55 John Estes (So.)	73 Larry Sauafea (Sr.)
RT 62 Keith Ah-Soon (Jr.)	78 Keoni Steinhoff (Jr.)
QB 15 Colt Brennan (Sr.)	6 Tyler Graunke (Jr.)
RB 21 Kealoha Pilares (Fr.)	Leon Wright-Jackson (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 54 Amani Purcell (Sr.)	94 David Veikune (Jr.)
DT 67 Michael Lafaele (Sr.)	92 Rocky Savaiigaea (So.)
DT 93 Keala Watson (Jr.)	96 Fale Laeli (Jr.)
DE 12 Karl Noa (Sr.)	Chris Leatigaga (Jr.)
SLB 53 Blaze Soares (So.)	43 Brad Kalilimoku (Sr.)
MLB 17 Solomon Elimimian (Jr.)	26 Micah Lau (Sr.)
WLB 44 Adam Leonard (Jr.)	8 Tyson Kafentzis (Jr.)
CB 23 Gerard Lewis (Sr.)	Ryan Mouton (Jr.)
CB 3 Myron Newberry (Sr.)	9 Ryan Keomaka (Sr.)
S 35 Keao Monteilh (Jr.)	30 Dane Porlas (Jr.)
S 31 Jake Patek (Sr.)	38 B.J. Fruean (So.)

Special Teams

K 86 Dan Kelly (Jr.)	KR 89 Malcom Lane (So.)
P 20 Kenji Hollaway (Fr.)	PR 3 Myron Newberry (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Colt Brennan, 559-406-5,549-12, 58 TDs
Rushing: Colt Brennan, 86 car., 366 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Davone Bess, 96 rec., 1,220 yds., 15 TDs
Tackles: Adam Leonard, 114, 62 solo
Sacks: Four players tied with 2
Interceptions: Gerard Lewis, 3 for 33 yds.
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Northern Colorado	W
S. 8 Louisiana Tech	W
S. 15 at UNLV	W
S. 22 Charleston Southern	W
S. 29 at Idaho	W
O. 6 Utah State	W
O. 12 at San Jose State	W
O. 27 New Mexico State	W
N. 10 Fresno State	W
N. 17 at Nevada	W
N. 23 Boise State	*
D. 1 Washington	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Alabama	L 17-25
S. 17 UNLV	W 42-13
S. 23 at Boise State	L 34-41
O. 1 Eastern Illinois	W 44-9
O. 8 Nevada	W 41-34
O. 14 at Fresno State	W 68-37
O. 21 at New Mexico St.	W 49-30
O. 29 Idaho	W 68-10
N. 4 at Utah State	W 63-10
N. 11 Louisiana Tech	W 61-17
N. 18 San Jose State	W 54-17
N. 25 Purdue	W 42-35
D. 2 Oregon State	L 32-35
D. 24 #Arizona State	W 41-24

#Hawaii Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	46.9 ppg	1
Rushing	117.9 ypg	82
Passing	441.3 ypg	1
Total	559.2 ypg	1
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.1 ppg	69
Rushing	136.1 ypg	59
Passing	241.7 ypg	105
Total	377.8 ypg	93
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.07	57

Head Coach: June Jones

2006 Record (WAC): 11-3 (7-1)

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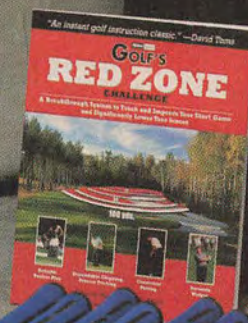
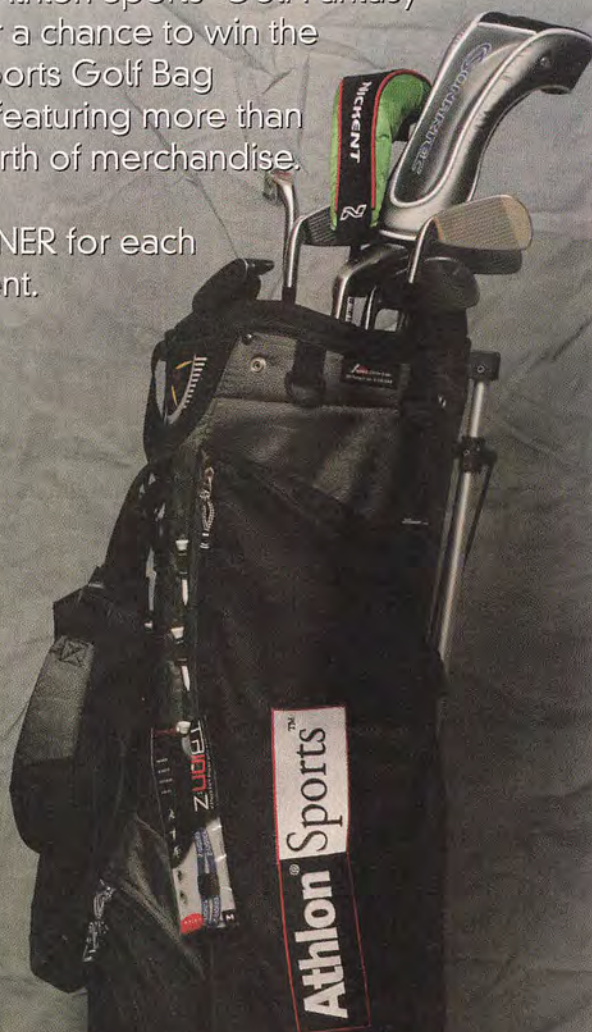
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TENNESSEE

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NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Senior quarterback Erik Ainge returns after setting Tennessee's single-season completion percentage mark (67 percent) and is expected to be fully recovered after having the torn meniscus cartilage removed from his right knee in March. But Jonathan Crompton, a 6'4", 230-pound backup, has better mobility than Ainge and will be waiting in the wings.

With questions at receiver, the Volunteers look for tailbacks LaMarcus Coker and Arian Foster to step up. Coker possesses blazing speed and cutback ability, while Foster has a smooth running style in an NFL prototype frame.

Junior Lucas Taylor is the most experienced receiver returning with 14 career receptions. Coach Phillip Fulmer says a bevy of incoming receivers will compete for starting jobs. The tight ends will be used liberally, with H-back Chris Brown serving as the top threat.

The offensive line continues its rebuilding mode after averaging 108 yards per game rushing, by far the lowest of Fulmer's tenure. Eric Young, an athletic 6'4", 305-pounder, is projected to make the move from right tackle to left tackle, while sophomore Chris Scott is expected to win the right tackle position and grow into an all-conference-caliber player.

Tennessee's tradition of strong linebacker play continues with sophomore weakside linebacker Rico McCoy leading the way. McCoy packs a surprising punch. Junior middle linebacker Jerod Mayo is a punishing hitter, and senior Ryan Karl is solid at the strong-side position.

Free safety Jonathan Hefney plays the run as tough as the pass and anchors a promising secondary. Hefney recorded 96 tackles and five interceptions last year. Marsalous Johnson locked down one of the starting cornerback positions early this year after earning most improved defensive player honors in the spring.

Specialists A lot is riding on the foot of Britton Colquitt, who handles both the punting and kicking. Colquitt was seventh nationally with a 44.9-yard punt average last season and showed kicking accuracy with field goals of 43 and 52 yards in UT's spring game. Hefney averaged 12.1 yards per punt return last season, which ranked 17th in the nation.

Final Analysis Volunteers fans hope Tennessee's coaching triumvirate — Phillip Fulmer and coordinators John Chavis and David Cutcliffe — can game-plan well enough to keep the trio's 85.5 win percentage (53-9) in place. These aren't yet desperate times in Knoxville, but with a schedule that starts at California, vs. Southern Miss and at Florida, it could quickly develop into a pressure-packed situation. The Vols must find immediate help at receiver after losing their top three from a year ago, while Ainge's durability remains to be seen. Tennessee will simplify schemes in order to get young playmakers on the field.

The defense has an alarming situation up front, where Big Orange fans have been spoiled at times by dominant success against the run. But experienced linebackers and an All-America candidate (Hefney) behind them offer some solace. Fulmer put the team through a physical spring with hopes it would aid in the maturation of front-line players.



Erik Ainge

11-1

The Volunteers have won 11 of the 12 games that senior quarterback Erik Ainge has passed for more than 200 yards.

Defense The defensive front has normally been a source of strength, but the Vols are rebuilding here. Junior Demonte' Bolden is talented but inconsistent. J.T. Mapu, who returned from his two-year church mission last season, isn't where he was when he left as a starter in 2003. Walter Fisher missed spring because of shoulder surgery but could blossom into a playmaker. The ends are solid but not spectacular.

Offense (6)

WR	12 Lucas Taylor (Jr.)	11 Slick Shelley (So.)
WR	21 Austin Rogers (So.)	87 Quintin Hancock (So.)
LT	54 Eric Young (Sr.)	72 Ramone Johnson (Fr.)
LG	78 Ramon Foster (Jr.)	51 Vladimir Richard (So.)
C	50 Josh McNeil (So.)	73 Michael Frogg (Sr.)
RG	75 Anthony Parker (Jr.)	65 Jacques McClendon (So.)
RT	79 Chris Scott (So.)	71 Steven Jones (Sr.)
TE	86 Brad Cottam (Sr.)	80 Jeff Cottam (So.)
TE	28 Chris Brown (Sr.)	30 David Holbert (Sr.)
QB	10 Erik Ainge (Sr.)	8 Jonathan Crompton (So.)
TB	22 LaMarcus Coker (So.)	27 Arian Foster (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	93 Xavier Mitchell (Sr.)	94 Wes Brown (So.)
DT	98 Demonte' Bolden (Jr.)	55 Dan Williams (So.)
DT	99 J.T. Mapu (Sr.)	95 Walter Fisher (Jr.)
DE	89 Antonio Reynolds (Sr.)	91 Robert Ayers (Jr.)
SLB	39 Ryan Karl (Sr.)	48 Adam Myers-White (Jr.)
MLB	7 Jerod Mayo (Jr.)	35 Ellix Wilson (Jr.)
WLB	5 Rico McCoy (So.)	34 Dorian Davis (So.)
CB	37 Antonio Gaines (Sr.)	Eric Berry (Fr.)
CB	31 Marsalous Johnson (So.)	DeAngelo Willingham (Jr.)
SS	19 Jarod Parrish (Sr.)	15 Sinclair Cannon (Jr.)
FS	33 Jonathan Hefney (Sr.)	38 Antonio Wardlow (So.)

Special Teams

K	47 Britton Colquitt (Jr.)	KR	27 Arian Foster (Jr.)
P	47 Britton Colquitt (Jr.)	PR	33 Jonathan Hefney (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Erik Ainge, 348-233-2,989-9, 19 TDs

Rushing: LaMarcus Coker, 108 car., 696 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Chris Brown, 31 rec., 239 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Jonathan Hefney, 96, 66 solo, Jerod Mayo, 83, 48 solo

Sacks: Jerod Mayo, 5

Interceptions: Jonathan Hefney, 5 for 75 yds.

(*) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at California	*
S. 8	Southern Miss	W
S. 15	at Florida	L
S. 22	Arkansas State	W
O. 6	Georgia	*
O. 13	at Mississippi State	W
O. 20	at Alabama	*
O. 27	South Carolina	W
N. 3	UL Lafayette	W
N. 10	Arkansas	W
N. 17	Vanderbilt	W
N. 24	at Kentucky	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	California	W	35-18
S. 9	Air Force	W	31-30
S. 16	Florida	L	20-21
S. 23	Marshall	W	33-7
S. 30	at Memphis	W	41-7
O. 7	at Georgia	W	51-33
O. 21	Alabama	W	16-13
O. 28	at South Carolina	W	31-24
N. 4	LSU	L	24-28
N. 11	at Arkansas	L	14-31
N. 18	at Vanderbilt	W	39-10
N. 25	Kentucky	W	17-12
J. 1	#Penn State	L	10-20

#Outback Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	34
Rushing	108.0 ypg	96
Passing	264.5 ypg	12
Total	372.5 ypg	36
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.5 ppg	33
Rushing	146.7 ypg	72
Passing	180.9 ypg	27
Total	327.5 ypg	50
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Phillip Fulmer

2006 Record (SEC): 9-4 (5-3)

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AUBURN TIGERS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC WEST PREDICTION

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Offense Auburn offensive coordinator Al Borges is itching to show the world that the Tigers' offense is ready to return to his fancy dippity-do after a season in which he was hampered by a hurt quarterback, a hurt running back and a banged-up offensive line.

"My first two years here we let it rip. We need to get back to that. I'm not saying we're going to score 50 points every game, but that's the way you have to go into it," Borges says.

Quarterback Brandon Cox, who spent much of last year playing with a bad knee and ankle, is healthy again — and so is new starting running back Brad Lester. A deep running back corps gives the Tigers plenty on the ground, but there are job openings at wide receiver and in the offensive line, where four new starters are needed.

Auburn and Borges usually figure to find out how to win, however, considering the Tigers went 11-2 and finished in the Top 10 last season.

Cox knows his way around the Southeastern Conference more than most. He signed with the Tigers in 2002, participated briefly in fall practice that year and then was excused for medical reasons. He is so indispensable that Auburn seldom takes him out of games. Why should they? He has almost 5,000 career passing yards.

33-5

Auburn has a 33-5 record the last three seasons, the third-best mark in the nation behind USC and Texas.

Rod Smith came out of mostly nowhere to save the Tigers last season as a walk-on. He's the top returning receiver. A couple of new faces — redshirt Tim Hawthorne and prep school transfer Chris Slaughter — figure to get a chance to make an instant impact.

Defense Players love the emotion that defensive coordinator Will Muschamp brings to the game, and that could translate to even steadier play now that the players have been with him for two years.

Defensive end Quentin Groves could have skipped onto the NFL, but has come back to shake the image he's only a pass rusher. Look for him as a hybrid linebacker.

Sen'Derrick Marks, a promising tackle last season, ended spring practice as the other starting defensive end in something of a surprise move. Auburn will have two new starting linebackers, but all have experience. Auburn would especially like to get Tray Blackmon back after he was suspended twice last season.

Specialists No team won more games with its kicking game than Auburn last year, and no team may miss its kickers more than the Tigers. Placekicker John Vaughn hit 20 of his 24 field goal tries and left Auburn as the team's all-time leading scorer. He'll be replaced by spring star Ross Gornall or signee Wes Byrum. Kody Bliss punted Auburn out of all sorts of trouble. Redshirt freshman Ryan Shoemaker will try it this time. Matt Clark's ability to blast kickoffs through the end zone was a huge weapon for the Tigers. Byrum will try it this season.

Final Analysis Coach Tommy Tuberville has a good eye for predicting good teams. He said this Auburn team would be good as far back as two years ago. But a terribly unbalanced schedule will test that forecast.

Auburn plays eight games at home, but the four on the road are killers. The Tigers must visit Florida, LSU, Arkansas and Georgia. The lone tough SEC home game, at least by preseason predictions, is the final one, against Alabama. But Tuberville, who has more wins in the SEC in this decade than anyone, is always good for surprises. Don't forget, the Tigers were the only team to beat national champion Florida last season.



Brandon Cox

Offense (4)

WR 84 Montez Billings (So.)	15 Prechae Rodriguez (Jr.)
WR 80 Rod Smith (Jr.)	13 Tim Hawthorne (Fr.)
LT 77 King Dunlap (Sr.)	78 Oscar Gonzalez (So.)
LG 71 Tyrone Green (Jr.)	57 Byron Isom (Fr.)
C 68 Jason Bosley (Jr.)	66 Mike Berry (Fr.)
RG 72 Leon Hart (Sr.)	65 Nathan Farrow (Jr.)
RT 75 Andrew McCain (Jr.)	70 Antwain Daniels (Jr.)
TE 87 Cole Bennett (Sr.)	5 Tommy Trott (So.)
QB 12 Brandon Cox (Sr.)	16 Blake Field (Jr.)
FB 32 Carl Stewart (Sr.)	31 Danny Perry (Sr.)
TB 1 Brad Lester (Jr.)	44 Ben Tate (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 54 Quentin Groves (Sr.)	52 Antonio Coleman (So.)
NG 97 Josh Thompson (Sr.)	99 Tez Doolittle (Sr.)
DT 95 Pat Sims (Jr.)	93 Mike Blanc (Fr.)
DE 94 Sen'Derrick Marks (So.)	49 Michael Goggans (Fr.)
LB 42 Patrick Trahan (So.)	56 Courtney Harden (Jr.)
LB 55 Merrill Johnson (Jr.)	59 Chris Evans (Jr.)
LB 10 Tray Blackmon (So.)	26 Steve Gandy (Jr.)
CB 20 Patrick Lee (Sr.)	6 Walter McFadden (So.)
CB 24 Jonathan Wilhite (Sr.)	8 Jerraud Powers (So.)
SS 33 Eric Brock (Sr.)	4 Zac Etheridge (Fr.)
FS 2 Aairon Savage (So.)	17 Jonathan Vickers (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Ross Gornall (Fr.)	KR 9 Tristan Davis (Jr.)
P 4 Ryan Shoemaker (Fr.)	PR 27 Mario Fannin (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brandon Cox, 271-163-2, 198-9, 14 TDs
Rushing: Brad Lester, 104 car, 510 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Rodgerique Smith, 26 rec., 452 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Eric Brock, 50, 32 solo
Sacks: Quentin Groves, 9.5
Interceptions: Eric Brock, 2 for 26 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Kansas State	W
S. 8 South Florida	W
S. 15 Mississippi State	W
S. 22 New Mexico State	W
S. 29 at Florida	L
O. 6 Vanderbilt	W
O. 13 at Arkansas	*
O. 20 at LSU	L
O. 27 Ole Miss	W
N. 3 Tennessee Tech	W
N. 10 at Georgia	*
N. 24 Alabama	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Washington State	W	40-14
S. 9 at Mississippi State	W	34-0
S. 16 LSU	W	7-3
S. 23 Buffalo	W	38-7
S. 28 at South Carolina	W	24-17
O. 7 Arkansas	L	10-27
O. 14 Florida	W	27-17
O. 21 Tulane	W	38-13
O. 28 at Ole Miss	W	23-17
N. 4 Arkansas State	W	27-0
N. 11 Georgia	L	15-37
N. 18 at Alabama	W	22-15
J. 1 #at Nebraska	W	17-14

#Cotton Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	56
Rushing	148.2 ypg	47
Passing	172.7 ypg	88
Total	320.9 ypg	76
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	13.9 ppg	7
Rushing	124.2 ypg	45
Passing	168.2 ypg	14
Total	292.3 ypg	19
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Tommy Tuberville

2006 Record (SEC): 11-2 (6-2)



OREGON STATE BEAVERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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PAC-10 PREDICTION

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Offense Oregon State coach Mike Riley did it at USC successfully in the Trojans' 1995 Rose Bowl year, but he generally doesn't like to alternate quarterbacks. However, this year the two-headed monster that is Sean Canfield and Lyle Moevao might not give him any other alternative. Canfield is a 6'4", 225-pound lefthander who is a classic dropback passer with outstanding poise and pocket presence. Moevao is an athletic, 5'11", 230-pounder who has a quick release and the running option Canfield can't provide. Canfield played sparingly as Matt Moore's backup early in the year and completed 28-of-45 passes for 335 yards and two TDs, with two interceptions. Moevao, a transfer from El Camino College who turned down Nebraska, redshirted.

Tailback Yvenson Bernard isn't big (5'9", 202) or exceptionally fast, but he's the best all-around back in the Pac-10 and enters his senior year as the unquestioned team leader. Bernard has rushed for 2,628 yards and has 80 receptions for 592 yards in his two seasons as a starter. He missed one game in 2006 but has been durable (595 carries) and productive (25 TDs), and is a solid blocker.

107

The Beavers posted 107 combined sacks and other tackles for loss in 2006, for a combined 528 yards, most in the country. OSU had a Pac-10-best 47 sacks and 60 other tackles for loss.

Senior split end Sammie Stroughter had a breakout season (74-1,293, 5 TDs). He and physical senior slotback Brandon Powers (39-433, 1 TD) are entrenched as starters for the second year in a row, but the flanker and tight end positions are up for grabs.

All five of last year's starters along the offensive line earned some form of Pac-10 postseason honors, and four are back. Senior

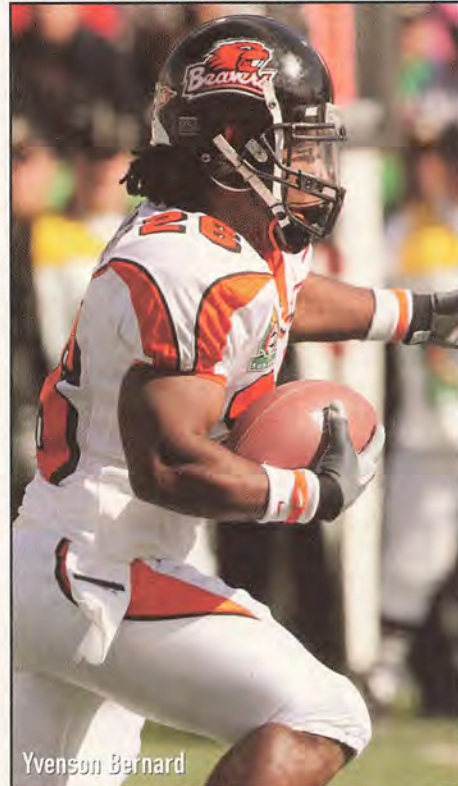
right guard Roy Schuening and senior center Kyle DeVan are three-year starters; junior left guard Jeremy Perry is a two-year starter, and junior right tackle Andy Levitre started the final 11 games in 2006.

Defense Starting defensive end Jeff Van Orsow and starting tackle Curtis Coker are back, augmented by ends Dorian Smith and Victor Butler and tackles Gerard Lee and William Akau'ola Vea. Starting linebackers Alan Darlin, Derrick Doggett and Joey LaRocque all return for their senior seasons. The Beavers had 47 sacks last season, led by Smith's nine, and Riley is optimistic that the front seven can be at least as good as its immediate predecessor.

Three of four secondary starters are back, including junior corners Keenan Lewis and Brandon Hughes. They're backed by Coye Francies, a physical senior who could be considered a third starter since he plays so much. Daniel Drayton, Bryan Payton and Al Afalava will rotate at safety.

Specialists Senior Alexis Serna won the 2005 Groza Award, was a semifinalist in '04 and '06, and will be a contender again. Sophomore Kyle Loomis is a solid punter (41.3 average), and Stroughter is among the country's best punt returners.

Final Analysis Oregon State's remarkable football renaissance enters its 10th year this fall showing no signs of abating. The Beavers return 15 starters and both kickers, and are in position for their seventh bowl game since a program that was the butt of national jokes during 28 consecutive losing seasons began its ongoing turnaround in 1998. Riley is hopeful the Beavers can maintain the blue-collar, lunch-bucket mentality they've adopted under his watch for the life of the new six-year contract he signed in the offseason. "We might be favored in a few more games," Riley says. "But I don't want to change the approach. My goal is to have hard-working, happy guys."



Yvenson Bernard

Offense (7)

SE	19 Sammie Stroughter (Sr.)	3	Chris Johnson (Jr.)
FL	17 Anthony Brown (Sr.)	3	Chris Johnson (Jr.)
SL	82 Brandon Powers (Sr.)	29	Shane Morales (Jr.)
LT	76 Tavita Thompson (Jr.)		Michael Cole (Jr.)
LG	62 Jeremy Perry (Jr.)	51	Adam Speer (Jr.)
C	75 Kyle DeVan (Sr.)	65	Marcus Henderson (Jr.)
RG	67 Roy Schuening (Sr.)	73	Gregg Peat (So.)
RT	66 Andy Levitre (Jr.)	63	Ryan Pohl (Fr.)
TE	83 Howard Croom (So.)	85	John Reese (So.)
QB	5 Shane Canfield (So.)	3	Lyle Moevao (So.)
FB	33 Micah Strickland (So.)	38	Andy Stewart (Sr.)
TB	26 Yvenson Bernard (Sr.)	22	Clinton Polk (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	93 Dorian Smith (Sr.)	91	Naymon Frank (Sr.)
DT	99 Pernell Booth (Jr.)	96	William Akau'ola Vea (Sr.)
DT	98 Curtis Coker (Sr.)	53	Gerard Lee (Sr.)
DE	49 Jeff Van Orsow (Sr.)	90	Victor Butler (Jr.)
SLB	45 Derrick Doggett (Sr.)	56	Eric Moala Liava'a (Jr.)
MLB	43 Alan Darlin (Sr.)	41	Bryant Cornell (Jr.)
WLB	42 Joey LaRocque (Sr.)	12	Isaiah Cook (Jr.)
CB	6 Keenan Lewis (Jr.)	4	Coye Francies (Sr.)
CB	36 Brandon Hughes (Jr.)	5	Gerard Lawson (Sr.)
SS	39 Daniel Drayton (Sr.)	28	Suaesi Tuimaunei (Fr.)
FS	9 Al Afalava (Jr.)	23	Bryan Payton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	13 Alexis Serna (Sr.)	KR	5 Gerard Lawson (Sr.)
P	18 Kyle Loomis (So.)	PR	18 Sammie Stroughter (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Sean Canfield, 45-28-335-2, 2 TDs
Rushing: Yvenson Bernard, 296 car., 1,307 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: Sammie Stroughter, 74 rec., 1,293 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Joey LaRocque, 98, 44 solo
Sacks: Dorian Smith, 9
Interceptions: Derrick Doggett, 3 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	Utah	W
S. 6	at Cincinnati	W
S. 15	Idaho State	W
S. 22	at Arizona State	W
S. 29	UCLA	*
O. 6	Arizona	W
O. 13	at California	L
O. 27	Stanford	W
N. 3	at USC	L
N. 10	Washington	W
N. 17	at Washington State	W
D. 1	at Oregon	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Eastern Washington	W	56-17
S. 7	at Boise State	L	14-42
S. 23	Idaho	W	38-0
S. 30	California	L	13-41
O. 7	Washington State	L	6-13
O. 14	at Washington	W	27-17
O. 21	at Arizona	W	17-10
O. 28	USC	W	33-31
N. 4	Arizona State	W	44-10
N. 11	at UCLA	L	7-25
N. 18	at Stanford	W	30-7
N. 24	Oregon	W	30-28
D. 2	at Hawaii	W	35-32
D. 29	#at Missouri	W	39-38

#Sun Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.8 ppg	36
Rushing	118.2 ypg	81
Passing	242.4 ypg	24
Total	360.6 ypg	45
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.2 ppg	54
Rushing	110.1 ypg	29
Passing	223.7 ypg	88
Total	333.9 ypg	59
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.57	24

Head Coach: Mike Riley

2006 Record (Pac-10): 10-4 (6-3)



TEXAS A&M AGGIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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Offense In leading Texas A&M to nine wins in his first season as a starter, quarterback Stephen McGee produced some impressive numbers (2,295 passing yards, 12 TDs, only two INTs and 666 rushing yards). It was toughness and tenacity, however, that truly earned his teammates' trust. McGee is not merely A&M's quarterback; he's the team's commander on the gridiron.

Along with McGee's hard-nosed style, the Aggies possess the perfect combination of running backs. The punishing and powerful Jorvorskie Lane is a 275-pound bulldozer, while Mike Goodson can flat-out fly.

Senior wideout Earvin Taylor is a big, reliable target, and the Aggies feature one of the best tight end tandems in the country with superstar Martellus Bennett and the underrated Joey Thomas. Bennett is an athletic freak of nature — a punishing blocker and fleet-footed enough to move into the slots. Meanwhile, Thomas is a traditional tight end.

Led by two returning senior standouts (center Cody Wallace and guard Kirk Elder), A&M features one of the most experienced and talented offensive lines in school history. In Wallace, Elder, Yemi Babalola and Corey Clark, the Aggies return four seasoned veterans who are capable of completely controlling the line of scrimmage.

season with an injured shoulder, Harrington led the team in tackles for a loss (11.5) and sacks (7.5). Like McGee on offense, Harrington's non-stop motor epitomized the never-say-die attitude of the entire team.

A year ago, junior college transfers Mark Dodge and Misi Tupe were unknowns. Now, they are key cogs in A&M's defensive hopes. The Aggies also feature some talented young linebackers, namely sophomores Matt Featherston and Anthony Lewis.

A&M made tremendous strides in the secondary last season, going from 117th nationally in pass defense in '05 to 44th in '06. With three returning starters, the improvements should continue. Danny Gorrer and Devin Gregg are solid, seasoned performers, while sophomore cornerback Jordan Peterson and sophomore Jordan Pugh, who moved from cornerback to rover, appear to have star potential. Alton Dixon, Arkeith Brown and Marquis Carpenter give the Aggies a deep and talented defensive backfield.

Specialists Punter Justin Brantly was often spectacular as a sophomore, averaging 44.3 yards per punt (10th nationally), and the kickoff return tandem of Kerry Franks and Pierre Brown helped the Aggies go from No. 109 in the country in '05 to third nationally in kickoff return average (26.1) in '06.

Final Analysis If the Aggies can catch a few breaks on the road this year — A&M travels to Miami, Texas Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri — there's no reason A&M shouldn't be in contention for a Big 12 title. With a potentially dominant, senior-laden offensive line, an explosive running game, an improving defense and one of the nation's hardest-nosed quarterbacks, the Aggies should be in position to win any game they play. But a team that played so many close games must have confidence in its placekicker. Matt Szymanski has the skills to be a premier kicker, but only time will tell.



Stephen McGee

Offense (8)

WR	2 Earvin Taylor (Sr.)	20 Michael Corey (Sr.)
WR	8 Kerry Franks (Sr.)	5 Howard Morrow (Jr.)
QT	71 Yemi Babalola (Jr.)	75 Travis Schneider (Jr.)
QG	64 Kirk Elder (Sr.)	74 Lee Grimes (So.)
C	70 Cody Wallace (Sr.)	63 Kevin Matthews (So.)
SG	51 Chris Yoder (Sr.)	76 Michael Shumard (So.)
ST	54 Corey Clark (Sr.)	79 Robbie Frost (So.)
TE	13 Martellus Bennett (Jr.)	81 Joey Thomas (Sr.)
QB	7 Stephen McGee (Jr.)	1 Jerrod Johnson (Fr.)
FB	24 Chris Alexander (Sr.)	43 Jodie Richardson (So.)
TB	11 Jorvorskie Lane (Jr.)	3 Mike Goodson (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	92 Chris Harrington (Sr.)	Amos Gbunlee (Jr.)
NT	95 Henry Smith (Sr.)	91 Kellen Heard (So.)
DT	85 Red Bryant (Sr.)	84 Chris Smith (Jr.)
DE	49 Cyril Obiozor (Jr.)	11 Michael Bennett (Jr.)
LB	50 Mark Dodge (Sr.)	46 Matt Featherston (So.)
LB	37 Misi Tupe (Sr.)	36 Anthony Lewis (So.)
ROV	25 Jordan Pugh (So.)	15 Kenny Brown (Fr.)
CB	4 Danny Gorrer (Jr.)	18 Arkeith Brown (Jr.)
CB	27 Jordan Peterson (So.)	13 Marquis Carpenter (Sr.)
SS	9 Alton Dixon (Jr.)	30 Chevar Bryson (So.)
FS	26 Devin Gregg (Jr.)	41 DeMaurier Thompson (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	7 Matt Szymanski (So.)	KR	8 Kerry Franks (Sr.)
P	16 Justin Brantly (Jr.)	PR	1 Johnathan Batson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Stephen McGee, 313-194-2,295-2, 12 TDs
Rushing: Mike Goodson, 127 car., 847 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Martellus Bennett, 38 rec., 497 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Devin Gregg, 64, 23 solo
Sacks: Chris Harrington, 7.5
Interceptions: Four players tied with 2

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Chris Covatta

73

The Aggies improved 73 spots in the national rankings in pass defense — going from dead last 117th in 2005 to being ranked 44th in '06.

Defense A&M's defensive front is an experienced, solid unit, beginning with prime NFL prospect Red Bryant at one tackle. Henry Smith is the starter at the other interior spot. The real star of this unit, however, is senior end Chris Harrington. Despite playing much of last

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Montana State	W
S. 8	Fresno State	W
S. 15	UL Monroe	W
S. 20	at Miami	*
S. 29	Baylor	W
O. 6	Oklahoma State	*
O. 13	at Texas Tech	W
O. 20	at Nebraska	*
O. 27	Kansas	W
N. 3	at Oklahoma	L
N. 10	at Missouri	W
N. 23	Texas	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	The Citadel	W	35-3
S. 9	UL Lafayette	W	51-7
S. 16	Army	W	28-24
S. 23	Louisiana Tech	W	45-14
S. 30	Texas Tech	L	27-31
O. 7	at Kansas	W	21-18
O. 14	Missouri	W	25-19
O. 21	at Oklahoma St. (ot)	W	34-33
O. 28	at Baylor	W	31-21
N. 4	Oklahoma	L	16-17
N. 11	Nebraska	L	27-28
N. 24	at Texas	W	12-7
D. 28	#California	L	10-45

#Holiday Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	34
Rushing	206.9 ypg	8
Passing	190.5 ypg	72
Total	397.4 ypg	18
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.5 ppg	44
Rushing	132.1 ypg	55
Passing	190.5 ypg	44
Total	322.6 ypg	46
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	13

Head Coach: Dennis Franchione

2006 Record (Big 12): 9-4 (5-3)



MIAMI HURRICANES

NATIONAL FORECAST
ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

24
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Offense If Miami is to improve this season, the Hurricanes will have to be far more productive on offense than they were last season, when they were held to their lowest point total (234) since 1979.

Quarterbacks Kyle Wright and Kirby Freeman are waging a battle for the No. 1 job that coach Randy Shannon says will not be decided until the week before the season opener against Marshall. Wright was once regarded as a can't-miss star, but he's only 14-7 as a starter and is 2-6 against Top 25 opponents. Freeman is far more athletic and mobile than Wright and added spark to the offense last season after taking over as the starter in Miami's final four games.

Tailback Javaris James provided what little offensive explosiveness there was last season, rushing for 802 yards and finishing just short of Clinton Portis' school freshman rushing record (838 yards). Although he's not super fast, James has quick hips and moves that remind everyone of his better-known cousin, Edgerrin James.

Defense Calais Campbell could have left for the NFL and been a first-round draft pick but chose to return to college for another season. That's good for Miami and bad for opponents who were unable to block the 6'8", 282-pound end. Campbell finished first in the ACC with 20.5 tackles for a loss, including 10.5 sacks, and was a first-team all-conference selection.

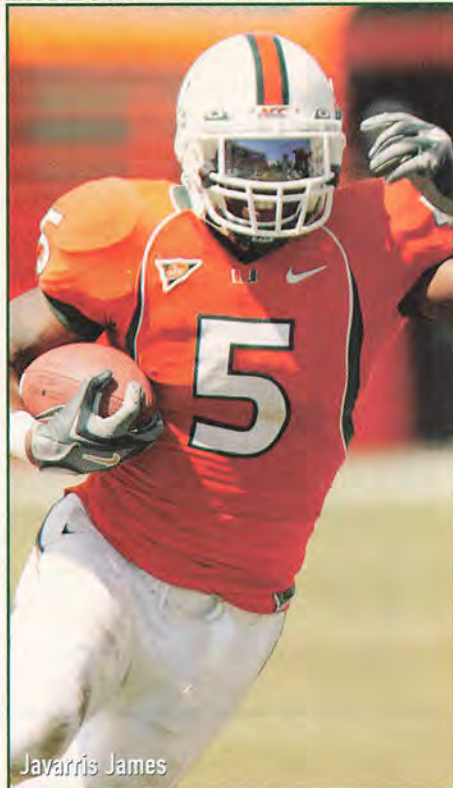
The linebacker corps is the defense's potential weak link. Once a fountain of NFL talent, the position has lacked a playmaker for several seasons. Middle linebacker Glenn Cook and strong-side linebacker Tavares Gooden return, but it's only even money that they will retain their starting jobs.

After ranking first nationally in pass defense in 2005, the Hurricanes dropped to No. 40 last season. That number should improve with the return of four starters and several other players with extensive experience. The best of the bunch is free safety Kenny Phillips, a second-team All-ACC pick who led the team with four interceptions despite missing three games with a broken thumb.

Specialists Miami is looking for a kicker and punter for the first time in four seasons. Matt Boshier has the strongest leg among the contenders, and there was some talk during spring practice that he might serve as punter, kicker and kickoff specialist.

Final Analysis Miami has created more turnover off the field than turnovers on the field recently. The defense should be solid again, but there remain questions on offense, which is on its third coordinator in three seasons and is still searching for a playmaker.

Shannon, who has never served as a head coach at any level, will also have to prove himself. He'll get that chance against a road schedule that includes games at Oklahoma, Florida State, Virginia Tech and Boston College. If the Hurricanes can get a split or better in those games, they might become a player again in the national title race.



Javaris James

Offense (9)

SE	9 Lance Leggett (Sr.)	12 Ryan Hill (So.)
FL	8 Darnell Jenkins (Sr.)	83 Sam Shields (So.)
LT	64 Jason Fox (So.)	76 Chris Rutledge (So.)
LG	72 Andrew Bain (Sr.)	61 Joel Figueroa (Fr.)
C	70 A.J. Trump (So.)	71 Derrick Morse (Sr.)
RG	71 Derrick Morse (Sr.)	76 Chris Rutledge (So.)
RT	77 Reggie Youngblood (Jr.)	67 Tyrone Byrd (Jr.)
TE	11 DajLeon Farr (Jr.)	88 Chris Zellner (Jr.)
QB	3 Kyle Wright (Sr.)	7 Kirby Freeman (Jr.)
FB	41 Jerrell Mabry (So.)	88 Chris Zellner (Jr.)
TB	5 Javaris James (So.)	34 Charlie Jones (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	94 Eric Moncur (Jr.)	47 Vegas Franklin (Sr.)
DT	96 Antonio Dixon (Jr.)	91 Joe Joseph (So.)
DT	54 Teraz McCray (Sr.)	93 Dwayne Hendricks (Jr.)
DE	81 Calais Campbell (Jr.)	49 Courtney Harris (So.)
SLB	52 Tavares Gooden (Sr.)	44 Colin McCarthy (So.)
MLB	55 Glenn Cook (Sr.)	51 Romeo Davis (Sr.)
WLB	48 Spencer Adkins (Jr.)	55 Glenn Cook (Sr.)
CB	4 Glenn Sharpe (Sr.)	22 Bruce Johnson (Jr.)
CB	6 Randy Phillips (Jr.)	24 Chavez Grant (So.)
SS	35 Lovon Ponder (Jr.)	28 Willie Cooper (Sr.)
FS	1 Kenny Phillips (Jr.)	28 Willie Cooper (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	25 Matt Boshier (Fr.)	KR	22 Bruce Johnson (Jr.)
P	17 Daren Daly (Jr.)	PR	22 Bruce Johnson (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle Wright, 250-152-1,655-7, 8 TDs
Rushing: Javaris James, 175 car., 802 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Lance Leggett, 38 rec., 584 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Calais Campbell, 84, 49 solo
Sacks: Calais Campbell, 10.5
Interceptions: Kenny Phillips, 4 for 5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

7 In Randy Shannon's six years as Miami's defensive coordinator, the Hurricanes ranked no worse than No. 7 in the nation in total defense in all but one season. Shannon's stop-unit ranked 28th in the country in 2004.

Once a position of strength, playmaking pass-catchers seem to be a thing of the past at Miami. Tall and fast, Lance Leggett gets one more chance to live up to expectations. Small but talented, Sam Shields turned out to be Miami's best receiver as a freshman. Beyond Leggett, Shields and Darnell Jenkins, there is little reliable depth at receiver or tight end.

Offensive line has been a problem area, but several players with starting experience return, including bookend tackles Reggie Youngblood and Jason Fox.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Marshall	W
S. 8	at Oklahoma	L
S. 15	Florida International	W
S. 20	Texas A&M	*
S. 29	Duke	W
O. 6	at North Carolina	W
O. 13	Georgia Tech	*
O. 20	at Florida State	*
N. 3	NC State	W
N. 10	Virginia	W
N. 17	at Virginia Tech	L
N. 24	at Boston College	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 4	Florida State	L	10-13
S. 9	Florida A&M	W	51-10
S. 16	at Louisville	L	7-31
S. 30	Houston	W	14-13
O. 7	North Carolina	W	27-7
O. 14	FIU	W	35-0
O. 21	at Duke	W	20-15
O. 28	at Georgia Tech	L	23-30
N. 4	Virginia Tech	L	10-17
N. 11	at Maryland	L	13-14
N. 18	at Virginia	L	7-17
N. 23	Boston College	W	17-14
D. 31	#Nevada	W	21-20

#MPC Computers Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	87
Rushing	116.0 ypg	84
Passing	197.5 ypg	62
Total	313.5 ypg	87
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.5 ppg	13
Rushing	67.9 ypg	4
Passing	187.7 ypg	40
Total	255.5 ypg	7
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.23	75

Head Coach: Randy Shannon

2006 Record (ACC): 7-6 (3-5)



TCU HORNERD FROGS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MWC PREDICTION

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1

Offense Coaches say the concern on offense lies at wide receiver, a bold statement considering the situation TCU has at quarterback. But that might also speak to the potential of sophomore Marcus Jackson and redshirt freshman Andy Dalton.

The duo exited spring drills even in the race to replace Jeff Ballard as the team's starting signal-caller. Jackson, who relieved Ballard twice last season in key moments against Baylor and Utah, has the edge in experience and running ability. But Dalton has a razor-sharp mind that allowed him to learn the offense quicker than any freshman in the first six seasons of head coach Gary Patterson's career. Throw in a stronger, more accurate arm, and Dalton could have the advantage.

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The TCU defense hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in 20 straight games. The Frogs joined Florida and Utah as the only teams to keep a rusher below triple digits during the '06 season.

Either one will be handing off to the best all-around running back in the Mountain West. Junior Aaron Brown, a second-team all-conference pick in 2006 and the MWC Freshman of the Year in 2005, is best on the outside, but he showed a willingness to run between the tackles during spring ball. He's no LaDainian Tomlinson, but Brown is a talented multi-dimensional tailback who will be the focus of TCU's offense.

There should be room to run this season behind a line that showed it could push back the defense in the spring. Blake Schlueter anchors a group that lost Herbert Taylor to the NFL, but has three returning starters.

The No. 1 concern is the lack of a go-to receiver though there are experienced wideouts in Donald Massey and Walter Bryant. Tight end Shae Reagan is a big-play threat, too.

Defense The Frogs are built on a defense that returns nine starters, including heralded ends Tommy Blake and Chase Ortiz. Both were first-team All-MWC picks the past two seasons. Blake garners most of the attention. His speed separates him from any other end in the league, and he also has the strength to fight off opposing tackles.

The top four linebackers return from last season, led by first-team all-conference performer Jason Phillips. But senior David Hawthorne had the best spring and could be in store for a big season.

If there is a concern on defense, it's in the secondary. The five starters in the 4-2-5 scheme are set, but Patterson says depth, especially at safety, is an issue. As many as three newcomers will be expected to play.

Specialists Short-range field goal specialist Chris Manfredini gets to attempt both long and short in 2007. The deep tries could cut into the senior's noted accuracy (35-of-38), as his career long is 47 yards. The punting game could fall to true freshman Anson Kelton.

Final Analysis Things are good at TCU. A new indoor facility is fully operational, and plans have been drawn and funds raised to renovate Amon G. Carter Stadium with luxury suites and a new press box.

That's what 11 wins in three of the past four seasons can do. That success also creates expectations. Patterson prefers his team to be unranked and out-of-mind, but as long as he keeps winning, the Frogs will be listening to preseason hype for seasons to come.

A spot in the BCS seems within reach, but the first two games of the season — vs. Baylor, at Texas — and two Thursday league games — vs. Utah, at BYU — stand in the way.

Still, TCU returns nine starters to a dominant defense that finished second in the NCAA in total defense last year. The veteran stop-unit must play well early on as an inexperienced quarterback finds his way.



Tommy Blake

Offense (4)

WR	2 Donald Massey (Jr.)	3 Marcus Brock (Sr.)
WR	21 Ervin Dickerson (Sr.)	82 Clint Renfro (Fr.)
WR	85 Walter Bryant (Jr.)	13 Derek Moore (Sr.)
LT	71 Wade Sisk (Sr.)	79 Nic Richmond (So.)
LG	64 Matty Lindner (Sr.)	60 Preston Phillips (Jr.)
C	75 Blake Schlueter (Jr.)	74 Tony Savino (Sr.)
RG	65 Giles Montgomery (Jr.)	63 Heath Raetz (Jr.)
RT	70 Marshall Newhouse (So.)	61 Marcus Cannon (Fr.)
TE	86 Shae Reagan (Jr.)	89 Quinton Cunigan (Sr.)
QB	14 Andy Dalton (Fr.)	11 Marcus Jackson (So.)
RB	23 Aaron Brown (Jr.)	24 Joseph Turner (So.)

Defense (9)

DE	93 Chase Ortiz (Sr.)	98 Jerry Hughes (So.)
DT	55 James Vess (Jr.)	John Fonua (Jr.)
NT	56 Cody Moore (Jr.)	57 Cory Grant (Fr.)
DE	97 Tommy Blake (Sr.)	90 Clarence Leatch (Fr.)
SLB	46 David Hawthorne (Sr.)	41 Daryl Washington (So.)
MLB	39 Jason Phillips (Jr.)	51 Robert Henson (Jr.)
CB	20 Nick Sanders (So.)	43 Alex Ibiloye (Fr.)
CB	15 Torrey Stewart (Sr.)	10 Rafael Priest (So.)
SS	6 Brian Bonner (Sr.)	29 Stephen Hodge (Jr.)
WS	27 David Roach (Sr.)	6 Brian Bonner (Sr.)
FS	4 Steven Coleman (Jr.)	Chris Goodson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	44 Chris Manfredini (Sr.)	KR	2 Donald Massey (Jr.)
P	Anson Kelton (Fr.)	PR	6 Brian Bonner (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Marcus Jackson, 44-26-386-1, 2 TDs
 Rushing: Aaron Brown, 154 car, 801 yds., 9 TDs
 Receiving: Aaron Brown, 34 rec., 455 yds., 1 TD
 Tackles: Jason Phillips, 73
 Sacks: Tommy Blake, 7
 Interceptions: Two players tied with 3
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Baylor	W
S. 8	at Texas	L
S. 13	at Air Force	W
S. 22	SMU	W
S. 29	Colorado State	W
O. 6	at Wyoming	W
O. 13	at Stanford	W
O. 18	Utah	W
N. 3	New Mexico	W
N. 8	at BYU	*
N. 17	UNLV	W
N. 24	at San Diego State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3	at Baylor	W	17-7
S. 9	UC Davis	W	46-13
S. 16	Texas Tech	W	12-3
S. 28	BYU	L	17-31
O. 5	at Utah	L	7-20
O. 21	at Army	W	31-17
O. 28	Wyoming	W	26-3
N. 4	at UNLV	W	25-10
N. 11	at New Mexico	W	27-21
N. 18	San Diego State	W	52-0
N. 25	at Colorado State	W	45-14
D. 2	Air Force	W	38-14
D. 19	#Northern Illinois	W	37-7

#Poinsettia Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.2 ppg	26
Rushing	194.6 ypg	9
Passing	213.9 ypg	48
Total	408.5 ypg	17
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	12.3 ppg	3
Rushing	60.9 ypg	2
Passing	174.1 ypg	21
Total	234.9 ypg	2
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.54	25

Head Coach: Gary Patterson

2006 Record (MWC): 11-2 (6-2)



FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

1

Offense Inability to run the football and consistently win close games during a 7-6 campaign led coach Bobby Bowden to overhaul his offensive staff. The Seminoles brought in offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher from LSU to replace Bowden's much-maligned son Jeff and picked up demanding offensive line coach Rick Trickett from West Virginia. Bowden also reached back to a pair of former players — Lawrence Dawsey and Dexter Carter — to round out the retooled offensive staff.

Fisher's first charge is bringing balance to an offense that has ranked among the nation's worst rushing attacks over the last two seasons. With Trickett's help, FSU offensive linemen have collectively lost more than 200 pounds and are in the process of developing the necessary edge to reverse that trend.

With junior tailback Antone Smith set to assume the feature back role, the play-making ability is there on the ground.

As for the aerial attack, Fisher must first determine which junior quarterback — the seasoned Drew Weatherford or physically gifted Xavier Lee — gives the Noles the best chance to become consistent winners.

Defense Were it not for defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews' 18th-ranked unit, things could have been worse for the Noles in 2006. With seven returning starters, the defense should be even better this season, despite the loss of standout linebackers Buster Davis and Lawrence Timmons.

The strength of the unit will be the front four, with senior nose guard Andre Fluellen anchoring a run-stuffing that yielded only 92.5 yards per game on the ground. Three-deep on the inside, the Noles are hopeful that sophomore defensive end Everette Brown can improve the edge rush in order to take the pressure off a retooled linebacker corps led by sideline-to-sideline playmaker Geno Hayes.

Junior cornerback Tony Carter has solidified himself as a lock-down specialist, and sophomore rover Myron Rolle gives the secondary another blossoming star.

Specialists Gary Cismesia, who has converted 72 percent of his field goal attempts, is still searching for consistency in his final year of eligibility. He could be pushed by junior Graham Gano, who ably handled all of the punting duties a year ago. All-America sprinter Michael Ray Garvin is a potentially dangerous kick returner.

Final Analysis The steady decline of Florida State's football program over the past six seasons led Bowden to the most dramatic staff makeover in his 32 seasons.

"We should be an improved football team next year," Bowden says. "This is my first time in 32 years I've practically replaced our entire staff. ... The kids responded. Now if we can just win some darn games."

Grasping Fisher's new offense and getting improved play from either Weatherford or Lee will determine whether the Seminoles show marked improvement in 2007. A veteran defense and improved running game should keep the Noles competitive against an ambitious schedule.



Geno Hayes

96.5 The Seminoles ranked 103rd nationally in rushing offense, averaging 96.5 yards per game, only slightly ahead of the 94.0 rushing yards they averaged in 2005. Those are the two worst rushing totals in Bobby Bowden's 31 seasons in Tallahassee.

While the Noles don't have an abundance of playmakers, junior wideout Greg Carr has collected 21 TD receptions in two seasons. Senior De'Cody Fagg should flourish as a possession receiver, but either Rod Owens or Richard Goodman must stretch the field to help ease the burden on the run game.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 3	at Clemson	W
S. 8	UAB	W
S. 15	at Colorado	W
S. 29	#Alabama	*
O. 6	NC State	W
O. 11	at Wake Forest	*
O. 20	Miami	*
O. 27	Duke	W
N. 3	at Boston College	*
N. 10	at Virginia Tech	L
N. 17	Maryland	W
N. 24	at Florida	L

#Jacksonville, FL
Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 4	at Miami	W	13-10
S. 9	Troy	W	24-17
S. 16	Clemson	L	20-27
S. 23	Rice	W	55-7
O. 5	at NC State	L	20-24
O. 14	at Duke	W	51-24
O. 21	Boston College	L	19-24
O. 28	at Maryland	L	24-27
N. 4	Virginia	W	33-0
N. 11	Wake Forest	L	0-30
N. 18	Western Michigan	W	28-20
N. 25	Florida	L	14-21
D. 27	#UCLA	W	44-27

#Emerald Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.5 ppg	45
Rushing	96.5 ypg	103
Passing	233.8 ypg	29
Total	330.3 ypg	70
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	37
Rushing	92.5 ypg	12
Passing	198.3 ypg	56
Total	290.9 ypg	18
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.62	102

Offense (5)

WR 81	De'Cody Fagg (Sr.)	86	Rod Owens (So.)
WR 89	Greg Carr (Jr.)	85	Richard Goodman (Jr.)
LT 76	Daron Rose (So.)		Antwane Greenlee (Fr.)
LG 68	Jacky Claude (Sr.)	79	David Overmyer (Sr.)
C 60	Ryan McMahon (Fr.)	67	John Frady (Sr.)
RG 58	Dumaka Atkins (Jr.)	71	Evan Bellamy (Fr.)
RT 73	Shannon Boatman (Sr.)	77	Caz Piurowski (So.)
TE 45	Charlie Graham (So.)	82	D.J. Norris (Sr.)
QB 11	Drew Weatherford (Jr.)	9	Xavier Lee (Jr.)
FB 41	Sedrick Holloway (Fr.)	32	Joe Suratt (Sr.)
TB 6	Antone Smith (Jr.)	33	Jamaal Edwards (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 59	Neely Moffett (Jr.)	97	Eli Charles (So.)
NG 96	Andre Fluellen (Sr.)	72	Budd Thacker (So.)
DT 93	Letroy Guion (Jr.)	94	Justin Mincey (So.)
DE 99	Everette Brown (So.)	98	Alex Boston (Sr.)
SLB 44	Marcus Ball (So.)	36	Dekoda Watson (So.)
MLB 55	Derrick Nicholson (So.)	48	Recardo Wright (So.)
WLB 10	Geno Hayes (Jr.)	49	Anthony Kelly (Sr.)
CB 15	Tony Carter (Jr.)	21	Patrick Robinson (So.)
CB 20	Jamie Robinson (So.)	29	Michael Ray Garvin (Jr.)
ROV 3	Myron Rolle (So.)	46	Anthony Houllis (Sr.)
FS 8	Roger Williams (Sr.)	24	Darius McClure (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 12	Gary Cismesia (Sr.)	KR 29	Michael Ray Garvin (Jr.)
P 43	Graham Gano (Jr.)	PR 21	Patrick Robinson (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Drew Weatherford, 318-177-2,154-11, 12 TDs
Rushing: Antone Smith, 88 car., 456 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: De'Cody Fagg, 37 rec., 439 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Myron Rolle, 77, 31 solo; Roger Williams, 67, 36 solo
Sacks: Three players tied with 3
Interceptions: Roger Williams, 4 for 45 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden

2006 Record (ACC): 7-6 (3-5)



BOSTON COLLEGE

EAGLES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

2

Offense The success — or failure — of BC's new offensive scheme, patterned after that of the Green Bay Packers, will likely hinge on Matt Ryan's command of the playbook.

Fortunately for the Eagles and first-year coach Jeff Jagodzinski, Ryan's a pretty smart guy. And a tough one, too. Ryan showed remarkable courage under fire in last year's 10-3 campaign (5-3 ACC), playing seven of the last eight games, including BC's 25-24 victory over Navy in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, with a broken left foot.

Ryan will have plenty of weapons in the form of senior running backs L.V. Whitworth and Andre Callender and playmaking receivers such as senior Kevin Challenger, the team's leading receiver last year, and junior Brandon Robinson.

As was the case a year ago, the Eagles will be looking to replace two starters on the offensive line, which will be anchored by left tackle Gosder Cherilus, who looks to be next in the long line of BC's NFL prospects.

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Andre Callender needs only 22 rushing yards to reach 2,000 for his career. He'll join senior stable mate L.V. Whitworth (2,221 career yards) in the first-ever BC backfield with a pair of 2,000-yard rushers.

Defense The Eagles return nine starters from last year's squad, but the two biggest returnees never even suited up or played a down. That's because they were defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani, who served as interim coach after the departure of former coach Tom O'Brien, and linebackers coach Bill McGovern, both of whom were retained by Jagodzinski.

Spaziani will have plenty to work with in trying to mold this defense into a championship contender. There's plenty of veteran leadership with seven seniors among

the nine returning starters, including five of the front seven, and there's plenty of talented depth, especially at linebacker, to help withstand any hits.

One potential setback, though, could be the uncertain status of standout senior linebacker Brian Toal, who missed spring drills for the second year in a row after undergoing offseason surgery on his right shoulder. If he is unable to go this season, Toal figures to be redshirted.

Specialists Speedy sophomore Jeff Smith was a breath-taking revelation as a freshman kick returner, but he seemed to be neutralized once opponents kicked away from him. Senior punter Johnny Ayers, a three-year starter, looks to be the most reliable component of this group. Junior kicker Steve Aponavicius, whose fairy-tale season as a sophomore walk-on ended with a game-winning 37-yard field goal against Navy, earned a scholarship — but not necessarily a starting job. Freshman phenom Billy Bennett, the nation's No. 1 kicking recruit, arrives in the fall to compete for the job.

Final Analysis Before he left for North Carolina State, former coach Tom O'Brien said Boston College's 2007 squad figured to be one of his best. With 16 returning starters, it was a team built to contend for a championship.

Jagodzinski inherits O'Brien's team — as well as those lofty expectations. He will need his quarterback to stay healthy and in control of a new offense and his defense to remain stout. The schedule starts with three consecutive ACC contests (vs. Wake Forest, vs. NC State and at Georgia Tech), includes home games against Florida State and Miami and road trips to Notre Dame and Virginia Tech. Top that off with late-season road battles against Atlantic Division opponents Maryland and Clemson, and the Eagles have a tall mountain to climb.



Kevin Challenger

Offense (7)

WR	2 Brandon Robinson (Jr.)	18 Rich Gunnell (So.)
WR	84 Kevin Challenger (Sr.)	11 Clarence Megwa (So.)
LT	77 Gosder Cherilus (Sr.)	73 Cliff Ramsey (Jr.)
LG	72 Ryan Poles (Sr.)	78 Ty Hall (Sr.)
C	65 Matt Tennant (So.)	61 Kevin Sheridan (Sr.)
RG	67 Tom Aneviski (Sr.)	64 Nick Rossi (Sr.)
RT	76 Pat Sheil (So.)	71 Carlos Huggins (Jr.)
TE	85 Ryan Thompson (Sr.)	80 Ryan Purvis (Jr.)
QB	12 Matt Ryan (Sr.)	10 Chris Crane (Jr.)
FB	36 James McCluskey (Fr.)	38 Patrick Quinn (Sr.)
TB	30 L.V. Whitworth (Sr.)	32 Andre Callender (Sr.)

Defense (9)

DE	57 Nick Larkin (Sr.)	52 Austin Giles (So.)
DT	60 Ron Brace (Jr.)	99 Jerry Willette (Jr.)
DT	90 B.J. Raji (Sr.)	91 Thomas Claiborne (Fr.)
DE	97 Brady Smith (So.)	98 Alex Albright (So.)
SLB	48 Tyrone Pruitt (Sr.)	7 Kevin Akins (Jr.)
MLB	40 Jolonn Dunbar (Sr.)	94 Mark Herzlich (So.)
WLB	16 Brian Toal (Sr.)	35 Robert Francois (Jr.)
CB	27 DeJuan Tribble (Sr.)	47 Roderick Rollins (So.)
CB	29 Taji Morris (Sr.)	17 Razzie Smith (So.)
SS	45 Wes Davis (So.)	8 Marcellus Bowman (So.)
FS	44 Jamie Silva (Sr.)	19 Paul Anderson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	83 Steve Aponavicius (Jr.)	KR	6 Jeff Smith (So.)
P	46 Johnny Ayers (Sr.)	PR	27 DeJuan Tribble (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Ryan, 427-263-2,942-10, 15 TDs
Rushing: L.V. Whitworth, 174 car, 791 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Kevin Challenger, 47 rec., 543 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Jolonn Dunbar, 92, 50 solo
Sacks: Kevin Akins, 7.5
Interceptions: DeJuan Tribble, 7 for 108 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Wake Forest	*
S. 8	NC State	W
S. 15	at Georgia Tech	L
S. 22	Army	W
S. 29	Massachusetts	W
O. 6	Bowling Green	W
O. 13	at Notre Dame	*
O. 25	at Virginia Tech	L
N. 3	Florida State	*
N. 10	at Maryland	W
N. 17	at Clemson	W
N. 24	Miami	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	at Central Michigan	W	31-24
S. 9	Clemson	(ot) W	34-33
S. 16	BYU	(ot) W	30-23
S. 23	at NC State	L	15-17
S. 30	Maine	W	22-0
O. 12	Virginia Tech	W	22-3
O. 21	at Florida State	W	24-19
O. 28	Buffalo	W	41-0
N. 4	at Wake Forest	L	14-21
N. 11	Duke	W	28-7
N. 18	Maryland	W	38-16
N. 23	at Miami	L	14-17
D. 30	#Navy	W	25-24

#Meineke Car Care Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.0 ppg	46
Rushing	113.0 ypg	92
Passing	241.2 ypg	25
Total	354.2 ypg	50
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.7 ppg	14
Rushing	107.9 ypg	26
Passing	202.9 ypg	59
Total	310.9 ypg	34
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+15	+1.15	2

Head Coach: Jeff Jagodzinski

2006 Record (ACC): 10-3 (5-3)



MISSOURI TIGERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

2

Offense Taking over for MU icon Brad Smith, Chase Daniel directed an offense that ranked eighth in the country (425.6 yards a game). The cool and confident junior will be looking to improve on last year's single-season school records for passing yards (3,527), touchdowns (28) and total yards (3,906). Keeping Daniel healthy will be imperative, considering none of his backups has ever thrown a pass in college, but the Tigers have plenty of other experienced weapons that form the core of an explosive unit that returns 98 percent of its 5,533 total yards from scrimmage last season.

Tony Temple separated himself from a deep group of tailbacks last year by rushing for 1,063 yards, and there is no shortage of receiving targets. Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman are both legitimate All-America candidates at tight end after combining for 111 receptions, 1,149 yards and 14 touchdowns, and senior receiver Will Franklin was within reach of 1,000 yards before a shoulder injury sidelined him for the final two games.

Led by four-year starters Adam Spieker and Tyler Luellen, Missouri returns four offensive linemen with starting experience.

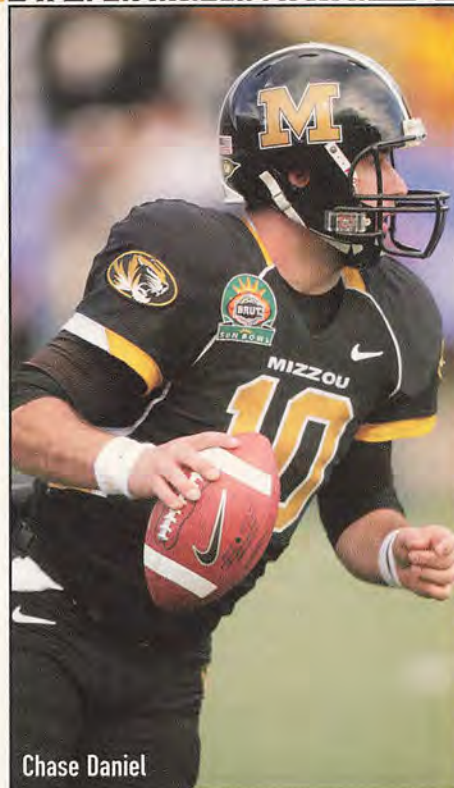
defensive position. Junior end Stryker Sulak, who has 11 starts over the past two seasons, could be in store for a breakout season.

Brock Christopher is Missouri's top returning tackler. He made 87 stops last year, but Christopher is the only linebacker with starting experience. True freshmen Michael Keck and Luke Lambert could see early playing time; they both graduated high school early in order to participate in spring practice.

Cornerback Darnell Terrell is the only returning defensive back to start every game last year. Along with junior safety William Moore, Terrell possesses the physical tools to become one of the best in the Big 12.

Specialists Jeff Wolfert came to Missouri on a diving scholarship and by the end of last season, he had solidified an annually shaky position for the Tigers by making a school-record 18 field goals (on 20 attempts) and finishing with 99 points. The emergence of Wolfert allowed Adam Crossett to concentrate on the punting duties. The senior will enter his third season as Missouri's punter carrying a 40.9-yard career average.

Final Analysis Entering its seventh year under head coach Gary Pinkel and coming off back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1998, Missouri appears to have enough offensive firepower to compete with anyone in the country. It's the Tigers' unproven defense, however, that will likely decide how much of a dent, if any, the Tigers make on the national scene. Shootouts similar to last year's 39-38 Sun Bowl loss to Oregon State could become the norm for the Tigers. As long as Daniel stays healthy, the offense should continue to rank among the best in the nation. The defense, however, needs playmakers to emerge at virtually every position. Missouri should know where it stands in the conference after playing last year's division winners — Nebraska at home followed by a road game at Oklahoma — in its first two Big 12 games.



Chase Daniel

Offense (9)

WR 3 Will Franklin (Sr.)	85 Greg Bracey (Sr.)
WR 8 Jared Perry (So.)	9 Jeremy Maclin (Fr.)
WR 84 Tommy Saunders (Jr.)	81 Danario Alexander (So.)
LT 79 Tyler Luellen (Sr.)	68 Dain Wise (So.)
LG 76 Ryan Madison (Jr.)	69 Jesse Hernandez (Fr.)
C 77 Adam Spieker (Sr.)	51 James Stigall (So.)
RG 71 Monte Wyrick (Sr.)	62 Tim Barnes (Fr.)
RT 78 Kurtis Gregory (So.)	61 Colin Brown (Jr.)
TE 82 Martin Rucker (Sr.)	45 Chase Coffman (Jr.)
QB 10 Chase Daniel (Jr.)	14 Chase Patton (Jr.)
TB 22 Tony Temple (Sr.)	1 Jimmy Jackson (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE 38 Stryker Sulak (Jr.)	48 Jaysen Corbett (Jr.)
NT 99 Lorenzo Williams (Sr.)	96 Jaron Baston (So.)
DE 94 Ziggy Hood (Jr.)	92 Andy Maples (Jr.)
DE 63 Tommy Chavis (Jr.)	97 Tarell Corby (So.)
SLB 5 Van Alexander (Jr.)	18 Steve Redmond (Jr.)
MLB 34 Brock Christopher (Jr.)	33 Luke Lambert (Fr.)
WLB 12 Sean Weatherspoon (So.)	49 Michael Keck (Fr.)
CB 3 Darnell Terrell (Sr.)	36 Castine Bridges (Jr.)
CB 6 Paul Simpson (Sr.)	28 Hardy Ricks (So.)
SS 13 Pig Brown (Sr.)	8 Justin Garrett (Jr.)
FS 21 William Moore (Jr.)	17 Del Howard (So.)

Special Teams

K 99 Jeff Wolfert (Jr.)	KR 7 Earl Goldsmith (Jr.)
P 90 Adam Crossett (Sr.)	PR 84 Tommy Saunders (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chase Daniel, 452-287-3,527-10, 28 TDs
Rushing: Tony Temple, 193 car., 1,063 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Chase Coffman, 58 rec., 638 yds., 9 TDs
Tackles: Brock Christopher, 87, 48 solo
Sacks: Lorenzo Williams, 6
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Bruce Schwartzman

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Averaging 17.1 yards per kickoff return, the Tigers ranked 115th in the nation. Missouri has not returned a kickoff for a touchdown since 1982.

Defense The Tigers struggled stopping the run in Big 12 play — allowing at least 160 rushing yards in all but one conference game — and improvement in that department might be hard to come by with only four starters back.

Tackles Lorenzo Williams and Ziggy Hood offer a solid foundation for the revamped unit. Williams has started 25 consecutive games, but dependable depth is a concern at every

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 #Illinois	W
S. 8 at Ole Miss	W
S. 15 Western Michigan	W
S. 22 Illinois State	W
O. 6 Nebraska	L
O. 13 at Oklahoma	L
O. 20 Texas Tech	W
O. 27 Iowa State	W
N. 3 at Colorado	W
N. 10 Texas A&M	L
N. 17 at Kansas State	W
N. 24 %Kansas	W
#St. Louis, MO	
%Kansas City, MO	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Murray State	W 47-7
S. 9 Ole Miss	W 34-7
S. 16 at New Mexico	W 27-17
S. 23 Ohio	W 31-6
S. 30 Colorado	W 28-13
O. 7 at Texas Tech	W 38-21
O. 14 at Texas A&M	L 19-25
O. 21 Kansas State	W 41-21
O. 28 Oklahoma	L 10-26
N. 4 at Nebraska	L 20-34
N. 18 at Iowa State	L 16-21
N. 25 Kansas	W 42-17
D. 29 #Oregon State	L 38-39
#Sun Bowl	

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.1 ppg	20
Rushing	149.5 ypg	46
Passing	276.2 ypg	10
Total	425.6 ypg	8
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.5 ppg	33
Rushing	134.5 ypg	58
Passing	185.7 ypg	37
Total	320.2 ypg	39
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	46

Head Coach: Gary Pinkel

2006 Record (Big 12): 8-5 (4-4)



ALABAMA

CRIMSON TIDE

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC WEST PREDICTION

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Offense This unit was the SEC's best at clock control a year ago, and it was decent at converting third downs, but it chucked the anchor upon entering the red zone. Mostly the same cast returns for young new coordinator Major Applewhite, led by quarterback John Parker Wilson, receivers DJ Hall and Keith Brown, and the entire starting line.

Wilson was loose with ball security as a sophomore, with fumbles and interceptions looming large in key SEC losses. Wilson has a big right arm and is durable, and it's expected his running will be more fully exploited. Hall and Brown might be the best senior tandem in the nation, but they've had health issues.

The tailback job is up in the air, with Glen Coffee, Jimmy Johns, Terry Grant and Roy Upchurch angling for carries. Johns averaged 4.4 yards per carry as Kenneth Darby's backup last season.

The offensive line must get better, and through a rigorous winter program, in which nearly every player trimmed up and increased stamina, the Tide believes this unit will be a major upgrade. Center Antoine Caldwell and phenom left tackle Andre Smith, a sophomore, are the keys.

leading the way, as does middle linebacker with ball-hawking sophomore Prince Hall taking charge. The other linebacker slots will see new starters or shuffled personnel. Keith Saunders and Zeke Knight, both ends last year, are the would-be starters at the hybrid outside linebacker spots.

Simeon Castille, a premier interceptor, will lead the secondary. He'll still get time in the nickel back role at which he excels, but will also pull duty at the cover corner slot that sets up so much of this defense. The safety spots, where Marcus Carter, Rashad Johnson and Justin Woodall are the top three options, need to be more productive this year.

Specialists Javier Arenas returned two punts for touchdowns as a freshman, and the quick-twitch jitterbug figures only to get better with time. With top kicker Jamie Christensen nursing a groin pull early last year, freshman Leigh Tiffin essentially won a game (Vanderbilt) and lost one (Arkansas) with his leg. Both are back and should be more consistent. Punter P.J. Fitzgerald had a mediocre average, but the team's net punting was good. Fitzgerald will be pushed by Adam Hill.



John Parker Wilson

1 Thirteen sacks in 13 games averaged out to one per game for the Crimson Tide defense in 2006. That was the lowest sack average in the SEC.

Defense With Saban implementing his attack-oriented schemes, don't look for Alabama, previously a more gap-control team, to rank last in the SEC in sacks as it did last year. A dearth of big men in the front seven still troubles this unit, so much so that redshirt freshman Brian Motley went from third-string center to potential starter at nose tackle.

Defensive end looks to be a strength with Wallace Gilberry and Bobby Greenwood

Final Analysis Saban's presence will make Alabama a stronger team, mentally and physically, and will add confidence. Saban's authoritative approach and in-game agility should also be a large net gain. A great nucleus of productive players returns, so it's not out of the question to think the Tide could push toward the top of the SEC West. However, the lack of experience on the front seven is likely to come into play down the stretch, when Alabama faces well-fortified foes such as Tennessee, LSU and Auburn.

Should injuries be at a minimum, and if the freshman class contributes, Alabama could make a play for a division title in Saban's first year, but most analysts see the Tide as a contender in 2008.

Offense (9)

WR	22 DJ Hall (Sr.)	7 Will Oakley (Jr.)
WR	81 Keith Brown (Sr.)	9 Nikita Stover (Jr.)
LT	71 Andre Smith Jr. (So.)	75 Cody Davis (Jr.)
LG	50 Justin Britt (Sr.)	74 David Ross (Fr.)
C	59 Antoine Caldwell (Jr.)	70 Evan Cardwell (So.)
RG	76 Marlon Davis (Jr.)	78 Mike Johnson (So.)
RT	61 B.J. Stabler (Jr.)	72 Chris Capps (Sr.)
TE	83 Travis McCall (Jr.)	88 Nick Walker (Jr.)
QB	14 John Parker Wilson (Jr.)	17 Greg McElroy (Fr.)
FB	40 Baron Huber (So.)	30 Patrick Hanrahan (Fr.)
RB	38 Glen Coffee (So.)	10 Jimmy Johns (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE	92 Wallace Gilberry (Sr.)	90 Milton Talbert (Fr.)
NG	66 Brian Motley (Fr.)	97 Lorenzo Washington (So.)
DE	93 Bobby Greenwood (Jr.)	95 Brandon Deaderick (So.)
SLB	47 Zeke Knight (Sr.)	46 Zach Schreiber (So.)
ILB	21 Prince Hall (So.)	44 Demarcus Waldrop (Sr.)
ILB	57 Darren Mustin (Sr.)	6 Marcel Stamps (Sr.)
WLB	94 Keith Saunders (Sr.)	98 Brandon Fanney (So.)
CB	2 Simeon Castille (Sr.)	3 Kareem Jackson (Fr.)
CB	16 Lionel Mitchell (Jr.)	36 Eric Gray (Sr.)
S	20 Marcus Carter (Sr.)	27 Justin Woodall (So.)
S	49 Rashad Johnson (Jr.)	43 Sam Burnthall (So.)

Special Teams

K	86 Jamie Christensen (Sr.)	KR	28 Javier Arenas (So.)
P	11 P.J. Fitzgerald (So.)	PR	28 Javier Arenas (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: John Parker Wilson, 379-216-2,707-10, 17 TDs
Rushing: Jimmy Johns, 66 car., 293 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: D.J. Hall, 62 rec., 1,056 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Prince Hall, 77, 46 solo
Sacks: Wallace Gilberry, 3.5
Interceptions: Simeon Castille, 6 for 71 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Western Carolina	W
S. 8	at Vanderbilt	W
S. 15	Arkansas	*
S. 22	Georgia	*
S. 29	#Florida State	*
O. 6	Houston	W
O. 13	at Ole Miss	W
O. 20	Tennessee	*
N. 3	LSU	L
N. 10	at Mississippi State	W
N. 17	UL Monroe	W
N. 24	at Auburn	*

#Jacksonville, FL

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Hawaii	W	25-17
S. 9	Vanderbilt	W	13-10
S. 16	UL Monroe	W	41-7
S. 23	at Arkansas	(ot) L	23-24
S. 30	at Florida	L	13-28
O. 7	Duke	W	30-14
O. 14	Ole Miss	(ot) W	26-23
O. 21	at Tennessee	L	13-16
O. 28	Florida International	W	38-3
N. 4	Mississippi State	L	16-24
N. 11	at LSU	L	14-28
N. 18	Auburn	L	15-22
D. 28	#Oklahoma State	L	31-34

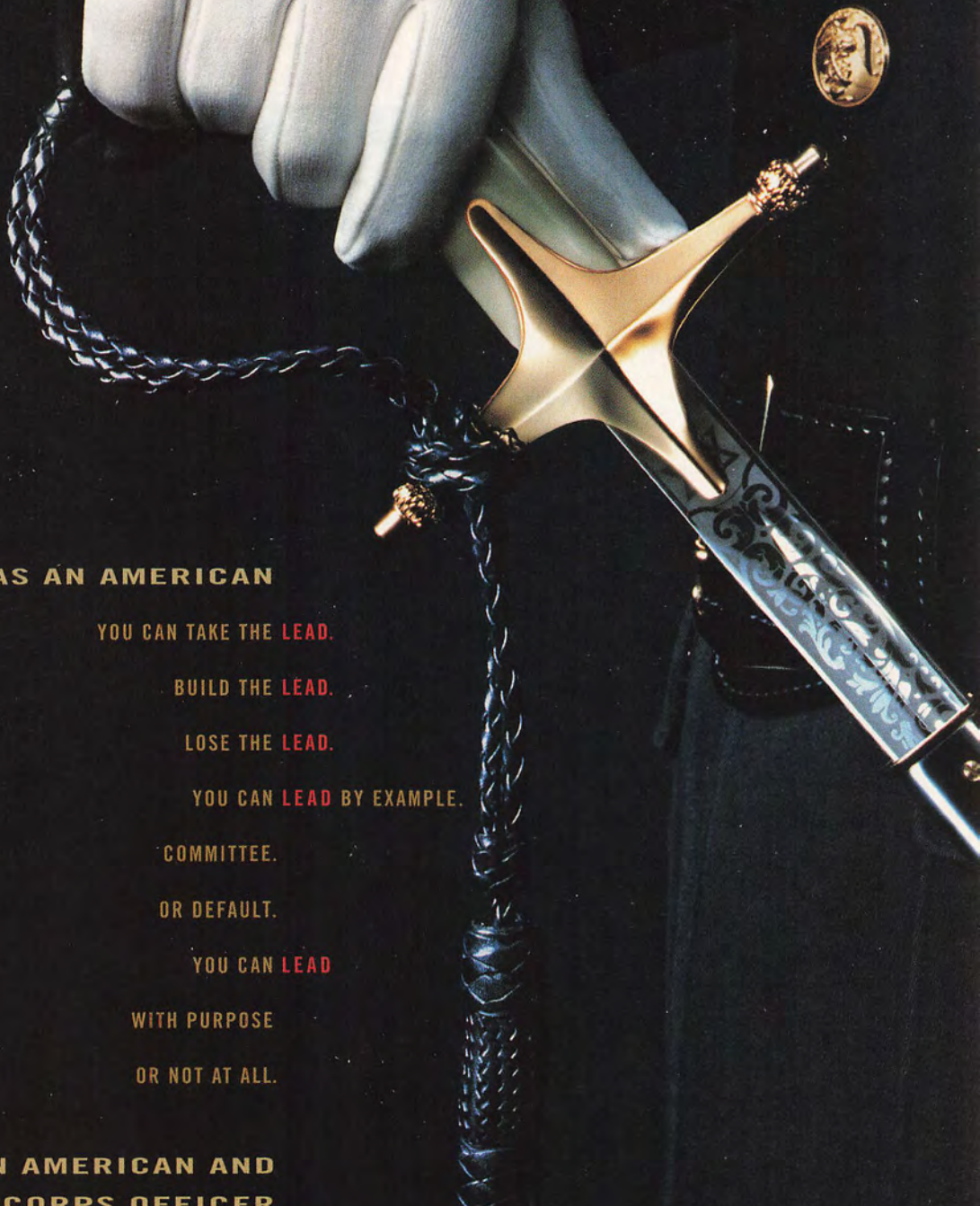
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2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.9 ppg	68
Rushing	123.1 ypg	77
Passing	212.9 ypg	49
Total	335.9 ypg	65
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.2 ppg	31
Rushing	124.6 ypg	46
Passing	173.1 ypg	19
Total	297.7 ypg	23
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.54	25

Head Coach: Nick Saban

2006 Record (SEC): 6-7 (2-6)



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OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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Offense Oklahoma State welcomes back seven starters from an offense that ranked seventh in the nation in scoring, with a 35.2-point average. The returning players accounted for all the passing yards, 81 percent of the rushing yards and 74 percent of the receiving yards.

Junior quarterback Bobby Reid rolled up 2,766 yards of total offense and accounted for 29 touchdowns. Reid was inconsistent, and coaches want him to run more. But he is a dual threat who is an ideal fit for offensive coordinator Larry Fedora's spread offense.

All-Big 12 wide receiver Adarius Bowman (60 catches, 1,181 receiving yards, 12 TDs) is a gamebreaker. Artie Woods, Anthony Parks and Jeremy Broadway all improved during the spring. Woods, a deep threat, was the star of the spring game. Dez Bryant is one of four true freshmen who will join the competition.

Dantrell Savage, the offensive MVP at the Independence Bowl, was slowed by a sprained knee but finished strong to rush for 820 yards. Keith Toston (631 rushing yards), like Savage, is a capable receiver out of the backfield. Tight end Brandon Pettigrew is a strong, fast target coaches plan to get more involved.

200 Oklahoma State and Boise State were the only two offenses in the country to average more than 200 yards passing and 200 yards rushing.

The offensive line must replace two starters. For a change, however, several quality linemen will fill the void. The holdovers are senior David Koenig (likely moving from guard to tackle), junior center David Washington and sophomore left tackle Russell Okung, who started eight games as a true freshman.

Defense Eight starters return, but defense has been a question mark at OSU for years. Sophomore linebackers Chris Collins and

Patrick Lavine were named to at least one freshman All-America team. Collins, the Cowboys' top defensive player before suffering a mid-season torn ACL, should be 100 percent for preseason camp. Senior Jeremy Nethon was named the Independence Bowl Defensive MVP.

Senior cornerback Martel Van Zant, deaf since birth, is entrenched as one starter. Sophomore Perrish Cox and junior Jacob Lacey will battle at the other spot. Former quarterback Donovan Woods, in his third season on defense, will play a hybrid linebacker/safety role. Sophomore safety Andre Sexton was named a freshman All-American but was challenged last spring by former wide receiver Ricky Price.

Two veteran senior defensive ends (Nathan Peterson and Marque Fountain) started early in their careers. Rod Johnson, the middle linebacker a year ago, will play some defensive end. The biggest concern is that the Cowboys lost their top three defensive tackles. Junior college All-American Tonga Tea and untested lettermen Maurice Cummings and junior Jeray Chatham must fill the void.

Specialists Junior Jason Ricks was 10-of-12 on field goals and has converted from 53 and 55 yards during his career. Junior punter Matt Fodge (44.9) ranked eighth nationally. The return units once again could be among the national leaders with Cox and some talented incoming freshmen.

Final Analysis The Cowboys have played in a bowl game four of the last five seasons. Each time it's been a dynamic offense that has carried a suspect defense. New defensive coordinator Tim Beckman, who coached defensive backs at Ohio State the past two years after six years as Bowling Green's defensive coordinator, emphasized an aggressive, attacking mentality last spring. The offense should score plenty of points. If the defense improves, the Cowboys should notch their best record in the Mike Gundy era.



Bobby Reid

Offense (7)

WR 12 Adarius Bowman (Sr.)	Dez Bryant (Fr.)
WR 83 Artrell Woods (So.)	9 Jeremy Broadway (So.)
WR 4 Anthony Parks (Sr.)	10 Tommy Devereaux (Sr.)
LT 76 Russell Okung (So.)	57 Brady Bond (So.)
LG 77 Noah Franklin (So.)	52 Andrew Lawrence (So.)
C 63 David Washington (Jr.)	54 Andrew Lewis (So.)
RG 65 Steve Denning (Jr.)	71 Trent Perkins (Fr.)
RT 61 David Koenig (Sr.)	57 Jacob Secrest (Fr.)
TE 87 Brandon Pettigrew (Jr.)	82 Justin Waller (Jr.)
QB 14 Bobby Reid (Jr.)	11 Zac Robinson (So.)
RB 22 Dantrell Savage (Sr.)	5 Keith Toston (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 97 Marque Fountain (Sr.)	98 Derek Burton (So.)
DT 56 Maurice Cummings (Sr.)	96 Jeray Chatham (Jr.)
DT 92 Tonga Tea (Jr.)	93 Jonathan Lewis (So.)
DE 13 Nathan Peterson (Sr.)	2 Rod Johnson (Sr.)
SLB 44 Chris Collins (So.)	8 Donovan Woods (Sr.)
MLB 4 Patrick Lavine (So.)	42 Justin Gent (Fr.)
WLB 19 Jeremy Nethon (Sr.)	36 Alex Odiari (Jr.)
CB 7 Martel Van Zant (Sr.)	27 Calvin Mickens (Jr.)
CB 17 Jacob Lacey (Jr.)	16 Perrish Cox (So.)
SS 20 Andre Sexton (So.)	6 Ricky Price (Jr.)
FS 26 Quinton Moore (Jr.)	25 Clint Coe (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 85 Jason Ricks (Jr.)	KR 16 Perrish Cox (So.)
P 18 Matt Fodge (Jr.)	PR 16 Perrish Cox (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bobby Reid, 267-148-2,266-11, 24 TDs
Rushing: Dantrell Savage, 126 car, 820 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Adarius Bowman, 60 rec., 1,181 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles: Andre Sexton, 79, 57 solo; Patrick Lavine, 70, 41 solo
Sacks: Nathan Peterson, 8
Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Georgia	L
S. 8 Florida Atlantic	W
S. 14 at Troy	W
S. 22 Texas Tech	W
S. 29 Sam Houston State	W
O. 6 at Texas A&M	*
O. 13 at Nebraska	L
O. 20 Kansas State	W
O. 27 at Oklahoma	L
N. 3 Texas	L
N. 10 Kansas	W
N. 17 at Baylor	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Missouri State	W 52-10
S. 9 at Arkansas State	W 35-7
S. 16 Florida Atlantic	W 48-8
S. 23 at Houston	L 25-34
O. 7 at Kansas State	L 27-31
O. 14 at Kansas	W 42-32
O. 21 Texas A&M	L 33-34
O. 28 Nebraska	W 41-29
N. 4 at Texas	L 10-36
N. 11 Baylor	W 66-24
N. 18 at Texas Tech	L 24-30
N. 25 Oklahoma	L 21-27
D. 28 #Alabama	W 34-31

#Independence Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.2 ppg	7
Rushing	208.0 ypg	7
Passing	201.8 ypg	54
Total	409.8 ypg	16
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.6 ppg	82
Rushing	146.7 ypg	72
Passing	217.4 ypg	84
Total	364.1 ypg	89
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Mike Gundy

2006 Record (Big 12): 7-6 (3-5)



SOUTH FLORIDA

BULLS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

31
4

Offense The Bulls found a leader last season in quarterback Matt Grothe, who provided the stability and playmaking ability that hadn't been seen since Marquel Blackwell departed in 2002. Grothe set a school record for completion percentage (63.7) and the freshman quarterback record for passing yards (2,576). He led come-from-behind wins in his first three games, and his best moments occurred when the pocket collapsed and his improvisational skills were on display.

Ominously, Grothe also was the team's leading rusher (622 yards), but the backfield should be much improved. Junior Ricky Ponton has a new start after being suspended for the first six games last season. Along the way, the Bulls discovered junior Benjamin Williams, a 5'7", 190-pound walk-on who slithered for 436 yards and was named MVP of the PapaJohns.com Bowl. Watch out for freshman Mike Ford, who comes from Hargrave Military Academy (after originally signing with Alabama).

The Bulls have experienced receivers in Taurus Johnson and Marcus Edwards, but the key might be 6'5" senior Amarri Jackson, who possesses every characteristic but consistency.

The offensive line, buoyed by senior center Nick Capogna, returns all five starters.

cover man whose closing speed has prevented a half-dozen touchdowns during his career. The other corner, senior Trae Williams, had seven interceptions to tie for eighth place in national rankings.

Outside linebacker Stephen Nicholas, the team's top defensive player, is off to the NFL, but there's still a big-play man in senior middle linebacker Ben Moffitt, the team's leading tackler (112) who has 30 straight starts.

There is great versatility along the defensive line, particularly at nose tackle, where seniors Allen Cray, Richard Clebert and Woody George form an impressive rotation. The star is sophomore defensive end George Selvie, a freshman All-American last season and a classic edge pass-rusher.

Specialists Sophomore Delbert Alvarado, who can also punt, made waves last season by converting a Big East-record 56-yard field goal against Syracuse, a game in which he also made a 47-yarder. Junior punter Justin Teachey averaged 38.2 yards. Johnson is a capable kickoff returner (22.6-yard average), but the Bulls will miss Ean Randolph, who was a threat to score on every punt return.

Final Analysis With a 9-4 finish and the program's initial bowl victory, some observers felt South Florida was the state's second-best team last season. It's a debatable point. But one thing is certain: The Bulls are on the rise and serious challengers for Big East supremacy.

If the running game emerges, the Grothe-led offense will be significantly better. The defense should hold its ground.

The schedule is favorable. South Florida gets West Virginia and Louisville at home.

When Jim Leavitt accepted the job in 1995, assuming the daunting task of building a program from the ground up, he dreamed of the day when South Florida could include itself in the conversation with Gators, Seminoles and Hurricanes. The day has arrived — and the Big East is officially on notice.



Matt Grothe

Offense (8)

WR	18 Amarri Jackson (Sr.)	2 Carlton Mitchell (Fr.)
LT	78 Marc Dile (Jr.)	70 Jared Carnes (Sr.)
LG	71 Matt Huners (Jr.)	55 Jeremiah Warren (Fr.)
C	69 Nick Capogna (Sr.)	77 Jake Griffin (Jr.)
RG	65 Ryan Schmidt (Jr.)	61 Zach Hermann (Fr.)
RT	75 Walter Walker (Sr.)	64 Jacob Sims (Fr.)
TE	9 Cedric Hill (Jr.)	85 Andrew Ketchel (Fr.)
WR	89 Taurus Johnson (Jr.)	6 Amp Hill (Jr.)
WR	11 Marcus Edwards (Jr.)	87 Jessie Hester, Jr. (So.)
QB	8 Matt Grothe (So.)	15 Grant Gregory (Jr.)
RB	30 Benjamin Williams (Jr.)	5 Ricky Ponton (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	90 Jarriett Buie (Sr.)	47 Brandon Peguese (Fr.)
NT	76 Richard Clebert (Sr.)	96 Woody George (Sr.)
DT	98 Aaron Harris (So.)	46 Tavarious Robinson (Sr.)
DE	95 George Selvie (So.)	48 Joshua Smiley (Fr.)
SLB	49 Chris Robinson (So.)	27 Tyrone McKenzie (Jr.)
MLB	59 Ben Moffitt (Sr.)	Donte Spires (Jr.)
WLB	53 Brouce Mompremier (Jr.)	56 Sam Miller (Sr.)
CB	21 Trae Williams (Sr.)	26 Tyller Roberts (Jr.)
CB	4 Mike Jenkins (Sr.)	3 Jerome Murphy (So.)
SS	32 Carlton Williams (Jr.)	7 Louis Gachette (Jr.)
FS	17 Danny Verpaele (Jr.)	5 Nate Allen (So.)

Special Teams

K	25 Delbert Alvarado (So.)	KR	89 Taurus Johnson (Jr.)
P	27 Justin Teachey (Jr.)	PR	29 Colby Erskin (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Grothe, 317-202-2,576-15, 15 TDs
Rushing: Matt Grothe, 178 car., 622 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Taurus Johnson, 34 rec., 494 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Ben Moffitt, 112, 75 solo; George Selvie, 84, 56 solo
Sacks: Chris Robinson, 7
Interceptions: Trae Williams, 7 for 8 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

298.5 South Florida's defense allowed only 298.5 yards per game, which was 25th nationally and second in the Big East (behind Rutgers with 252.2).

Defense There's plenty to like about South Florida's extremely athletic defense — and it begins with the secondary, which counts at least two players worthy of legitimate preseason All-America mention. Senior cornerback Mike Jenkins is an outstanding

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Elon	W
S. 8	at Auburn	L
S. 22	North Carolina	W
S. 29	West Virginia	L
O. 6	at Florida Atlantic	W
O. 13	UCF	W
O. 18	at Rutgers	L
O. 27	at Connecticut	W
N. 3	Cincinnati	W
N. 10	at Syracuse	W
N. 17	Louisville	L
N. 24	at Pittsburgh	W

Games in bold represent swing games

W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	McNeese State	W	41-10
S. 9	Florida International	W	21-20
S. 16	at UCF	W	24-17
S. 23	at Kansas	L	7-13
S. 29	Rutgers	L	20-22
O. 7	Connecticut	W	38-16
O. 14	at North Carolina	W	37-20
O. 22	at Cincinnati	L	6-23
N. 4	Pittsburgh	W	22-12
N. 11	Syracuse	W	27-10
N. 18	at Louisville	L	8-31
N. 25	at West Virginia	W	24-19
D. 23	#at East Carolina	W	24-7

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2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	64
Rushing	144.2 ypg	50
Passing	217.5 ypg	43
Total	361.6 ypg	44
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.9 ppg	18
Rushing	115.2 ypg	35
Passing	183.2 ypg	34
Total	298.5 ypg	25
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	80

Head Coach: Jim Leavitt

2006 Record (Big East): 9-4 (4-3)



WAKE FOREST

DEMON DEACONS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

3

Offense Wake loses its top receiver and top lineman but returns plenty of talent and experience. It could be more explosive than last year's unit, which was only seventh in the league in total offense and scoring. Injuries forced coordinator Steed Lobotzke to make Wake more creative (70 carries by receivers). This year, he'll have a star quarterback and a healthy running back, and Wake should be able to have a balanced attack.

Riley Skinner went from the backup quarterback battle to winning an ACC championship. Skinner proved to be careful (five interceptions), accurate (65.8 percent) and a leader that his teammates rallied behind.

Last year's original starter at tailback, Micah Andrews, should be recovered from knee surgery and will try to reach the potential he's shown in flashes so far. The return of Andrews allows Kenneth Moore, who led Wake in rushing, to go back to receiver. He'll team with speedster Kevin Marion, who actually gained more yards rushing (210) than receiving (117).

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Wake went 17 seasons between posting winning records in the ACC. Last year's 6-2 league mark was the seventh winning season for Wake in 54 years of ACC play.

Four starters return on the offensive line, but the missing piece is big: Steve Vallos, a first-team All-ACC left tackle. Center Steve Justice was also a first-team pick, and the right side has a chance to be great with guard Chris DeGeare and tackle Jeff Griffin. The left side will be a big question mark, however, and could be the unit's downfall.

Defense Wake clearly bent last year, finishing ninth in the ACC in total defense, but didn't break, finishing second in scoring defense.

Linebacker Jon Abbate, the team's leading

tackler and its heart for three straight seasons, declared for the NFL. But the big questions are in the secondary. Wake lost three starters from the league's second-worst pass defense.

Kevin Patterson is the only starter returning, and he's switching from corner to safety. He'll team with Chip Vaughn to replace the production of Josh Gattis and Patrick Ghee, who combined for 69 career starts.

Alphonso Smith returns to the starting cornerback role that he lost last season, and Wake hopes he can find the form he showed as a precocious, playmaking redshirt freshman.

The good news is that the front seven could be dominant. Matt Robinson and Jeremy Thompson return from injuries and could be two of the league's best ends. Boo Robinson and Zach Stukes are solid in the middle, and reserve John Russell had an excellent spring.

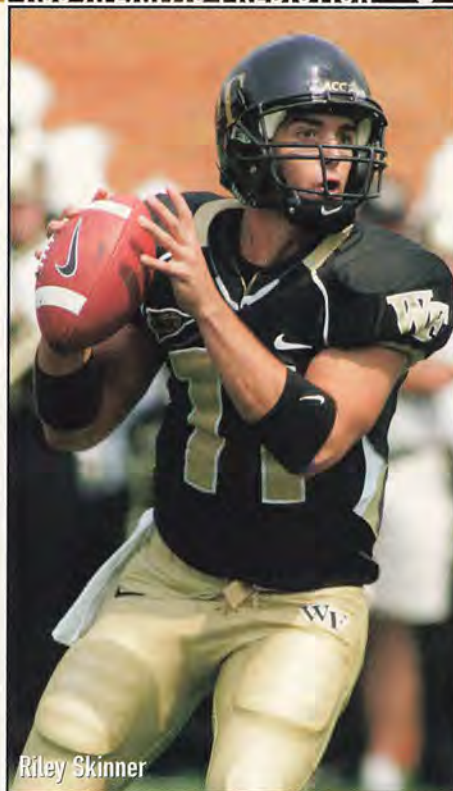
Linebackers Aaron Curry and Stanley Arnoux are playmakers on the outside, and Eric Berry takes over in the middle. However, injuries on defense could be crippling, as there's virtually no experience in the reserves.

Specialists Wake features one of the ACC's best kickers and punters in Sam Swank. He hit five field goals from beyond 50 last year, and held opponents to 70 return yards on 70 punts. Wake's return units were awful the last few years, but that changed in 2006. Marion forced teams to avoid him on kickoffs, and Moore averaged 13 yards per punt return.

Final Analysis Wake Forest shocked college football in 2006, but coach Jim Grobe wants to make sure that it wasn't a fluke.

"The biggest danger for us is that we've got to realize what got us to the Orange Bowl and an ACC championship, and that was lots of hard work and playing hard on Saturday," Grobe says. "Getting there is kind of fun, but staying there is the toughest part."

The schedule is tougher, and the division is improved, but Wake should be right back in the thick of the ACC race.



Riley Skinner

Offense (8)

WR 14 Kevin Marion (Sr.)	88 Chip Brinkman (Jr.)
WR 21 Kenneth Moore (Sr.)	4 Demir Boldin (Jr.)
LT 78 Louis Frazier (Sr.)	76 Joe Birdsong (So.)
LG 79 Matthew Brim (Sr.)	65 Gage Crews (So.)
C 74 Steve Justice (Sr.)	67 Trey Bailey (So.)
RG 70 Chris DeGeare (Jr.)	60 Barrett McMillin (So.)
RT 64 Jeff Griffin (So.)	77 Boomer Peterson (So.)
TE 84 Zac Selmon (Sr.)	89 John Tereshinski (Sr.)
QB 11 Riley Skinner (So.)	6 Brett Hodges (So.)
FB 35 Richard Belton (Jr.)	44 Mike Rinfrette (So.)
TB 3 Micah Andrews (Sr.)	23 Kevin Harris (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 98 Jeremy Thompson (Sr.)	93 Anthony Davis (Jr.)
NG 96 Boo Robinson (So.)	50 Teddy Tomlin (Fr.)
DT 95 Zach Stukes (Sr.)	51 John Russell (So.)
DE 42 Matt Robinson (Sr.)	54 Antonio Wilson (So.)
OLB 59 Aaron Curry (Jr.)	45 Mike Simmons (Sr.)
MLB 41 Eric Berry (Jr.)	46 Matt Woodlief (Fr.)
OLB 43 Stanley Arnoux (Jr.)	56 Hunter Haynes (Fr.)
CB 11 Alphonso Smith (Jr.)	12 Marcus Williams (Fr.)
CB 29 Kerry Major (Jr.)	24 Channing Schofield (So.)
SS 10 Kevin Patterson (Jr.)	32 Aaron Mason (Sr.)
FS 20 Chip Vaughn (Jr.)	37 Alex Frye (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 38 Sam Swank (Jr.)	KR 14 Kevin Marion (Sr.)
P 38 Sam Swank (Jr.)	PR 21 Kenneth Moore (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Riley Skinner, 260-171-2,051-5, 9 TDs
 Rushing: Kenneth Moore, 105 car., 507 yds., 2 TDs
 Receiving: Kenneth Moore, 32 rec., 314 yds., 1 TD
 Tackles: Aaron Curry, 83, 52 solo; Stanley Arnoux, 69, 32 solo
 Sacks: Alphonso Smith, 4
 Interceptions: Alphonso Smith, 3 for 23 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Boston College	*
S. 8 Nebraska	L
S. 15 Army	W
S. 22 Maryland	W
O. 6 at Duke	W
O. 11 Florida State	*
O. 20 at Navy	W
O. 27 North Carolina	W
N. 3 at Virginia	W
N. 10 at Clemson	*
N. 17 NC State	W
N. 24 at Vanderbilt	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Syracuse	W	20-10
S. 9 Duke	W	14-13
S. 16 at Connecticut	W	24-13
S. 23 at Ole Miss	W	27-3
S. 30 Liberty	W	34-14
O. 7 Clemson	L	17-27
O. 14 at NC State	W	25-23
O. 28 at North Carolina	W	24-17
N. 4 Boston College	W	21-14
N. 11 at Florida State	W	30-0
N. 18 Virginia Tech	L	6-27
N. 25 at Maryland	W	38-24
D. 2 at Georgia Tech	W	9-6
J. 2 #Louisville	L	13-24

#Orange Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.6 ppg	78
Rushing	149.9 ypg	44
Passing	157.1 ypg	104
Total	307.0 ypg	96
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.4 ppg	12
Rushing	105.8 ypg	21
Passing	216.7 ypg	82
Total	322.5 ypg	45
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+13	+0.93	6

Head Coach: Jim Grobe

2006 Record (ACC): 11-3 (6-2)



IOWA

HAWKEYES

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

33
5

Offense Iowa's offense returns eight starters, but quarterback isn't one of them. Sophomore lefthander Jake Christensen is expected to replace three-year starter Drew Tate behind center. Christensen only played in five games last season, but he did start against Northern Illinois when Tate was injured and led Iowa to a 24-14 victory. Christensen is the son of a former NFL quarterback and was considered one of the top high school quarterbacks in the country in 2004 coming out of Chicago. He doesn't have a cannon for an arm, but he can make a variety of throws.

What he needs more than anything is game experience and for the offensive line to come together. Three starters return on the line, but nobody has really distinguished themselves yet.

Christensen should benefit from Iowa's one-two punch at running back. Seniors Albert Young and Damian Sims combined to rush for 1,443 yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

The Hawkeyes are deep and talented at receiver, but outside of starters Dominique Douglas and Andy Brodell and top reserve Trey Stross, there isn't much experience. Douglas led all true freshmen nationally with 49 catches last season, whereas Brodell led Iowa with 724 receiving yards.

1 Iowa scored points on its opening drive only one time last season. That didn't come until the Hawkeyes played Texas in the Alamo Bowl.

Defense One of the biggest mysteries about last season was the fall of the defensive line. The unit came on strong at the end of the 2005 season with four underclassmen starting, so hopes were high heading into last season. But instead of becoming a strength, the defensive line was a liability for much of last season. The inability to pressure the

quarterback affected the entire defense, especially the secondary. All four starters return, which could be good or bad. Senior end Ken Iwebema made first-team All-Big Ten as a sophomore in 2005 but was injured for much of last season. Big things are expected from him now that he is healthy.

Two of the three starting linebackers return, led by Mike Klinkenborg. He made second-team All-Big Ten last season and finished second in the conference with 129 tackles.

Iowa has to replace both starting safeties, but the experience at cornerback should help ease the transition. Senior Charles Godfrey started all 13 games there, and fellow senior Adam Shada returns after making honorable mention All-Big Ten last season.

Specialists Special teams used to be a strength under Kirk Ferentz, but that changed the last two seasons. Iowa did a poor job of returning kicks and defending them last season. Redshirt freshman Ryan Donahue is expected to take over the punting duties while Austin Signor will likely edge Daniel Murray to become Iowa's new placekicker. There are plenty of candidates to return kicks and punts, but most of them lack experience.

Final Analysis Hawkeye fans don't know what to think after watching their team finish 6-7 last season, including six losses in its final seven games. They'd like to think it was an aberration, but Iowa also struggled in 2005, finishing just 7-5 overall. Some of the glow has rubbed off Ferentz's program, but there is still plenty of talent on the roster and stability in the program.

Iowa also has the luxury of avoiding both Ohio State and Michigan on the schedule for the next two seasons.

This year's team has enough talent and experience with 15 starters returning to finish near the top of the Big Ten standings. That was also thought to be the case in each of the past two seasons, but it didn't happen.



Albert Young

Offense (7)

WR 80 Andy Brodell (Jr.)	89 James Cleveland (Fr.)
WR 88 Dominique Douglas (So.)	86 Trey Stross (So.)
LT 78 Dace Richardson (Jr.)	60 Kyle Calloway (So.)
LG 68 Andy Kuempel (So.)	74 Dan Doering (So.)
C 52 Rafael Eubanks (So.)	59 Anton Narinskiy (Jr.)
RG 75 Wesley Aeschliman (Jr.)	61 Travis Meade (So.)
RT 71 Seth Olsen (Jr.)	98 Tyler Blum (So.)
TE 81 Tony Moeaki (Jr.)	83 Brandon Myers (Jr.)
QB 6 Jake Christensen (So.)	8 Arvell Nelson (Fr.)
FB 35 Tom Busch (Sr.)	38 Jordan McLaughlin (Jr.)
RB 21 Albert Young (Sr.)	28 Damian Sims (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 92 Kenny Iwebema (Sr.)	94 Adrian Clayborn (Fr.)
DT 47 Mitch King (Jr.)	93 Ettore Ewen (Jr.)
DT 53 Matt Kroul (Jr.)	56 Rashad Dunn (Jr.)
DE 99 Bryan Mattison (Sr.)	55 Chad Geary (So.)
OLB 49 A.J. Edds (So.)	42 Jeremiha Hunter (Fr.)
MLB 40 Mike Klinkenborg (Sr.)	43 Pat Angerer (So.)
WLB 44 Mike Humpal (Sr.)	41 Bryon Gattas (Sr.)
CB 13 Charles Godfrey (Sr.)	29 Bradley Fletcher (Jr.)
CB 19 Adam Shada (Sr.)	45 Amari Spivey (Fr.)
SS 2 Harold Dalton (Jr.)	18 Lance Tillison (Fr.)
FS 30 Brett Greenwood (Fr.)	11 Marcus Wilson (So.)

Special Teams

K 12 Austin Signor (So.)	KR 21 Albert Young (Sr.)
P 5 Ryan Donahue (Fr.)	PR 80 Andy Brodell (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jake Christensen, 35-23-285-2, 2 TDs
Rushing: Albert Young, 178 car., 779 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Dominique Douglas, 49 rec., 654 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Mike Klinkenborg, 129, 61 solo
Sacks: Bryan Mattison, 6.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 3

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 #Northern Illinois	W
S. 8 Syracuse	W
S. 15 at Iowa State	W
S. 22 at Wisconsin	L
S. 29 Indiana	W
O. 6 at Penn State	L
O. 13 Illinois	W
O. 20 at Purdue	*
O. 27 Michigan State	W
N. 3 at Northwestern	W
N. 10 Minnesota	W
N. 17 Western Michigan	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Montana	W 41-7
S. 9 at Syracuse	W 20-13
S. 16 Iowa State	W 27-17
S. 23 at Illinois	W 24-7
S. 30 Ohio State	L 17-38
O. 7 Purdue	W 47-17
O. 14 at Indiana	L 28-31
O. 21 at Michigan	L 6-20
O. 28 Northern Illinois	W 24-14
N. 4 Northwestern	L 7-21
N. 11 Wisconsin	L 21-24
N. 18 at Minnesota	L 24-34
D. 30 #Texas	L 24-26

#Alamo Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.9 ppg	58
Rushing	143.5 ypg	51
Passing	239.9 ypg	27
Total	383.3 ypg	27
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.7 ppg	45
Rushing	133.6 ypg	57
Passing	210.2 ypg	72
Total	343.8 ypg	68
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.85	111

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

2006 Record (Big Ten): 6-7 (2-6)



ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC WEST PREDICTION

34
4

Offense Reclaiming its usual spot as the SEC's top rushing team shouldn't be a problem for Arkansas. But to win the big games and contend for a championship, the Razorbacks need to muster some semblance of a passing attack (see consecutive losses to LSU, Florida and Wisconsin to end last season for examples).

Returning 1,000-yard rushers Darren McFadden and Felix Jones can take the offense a long way. They're big-play, multi-threats running, receiving, returning kickoffs and, in McFadden's case, passing occasionally. He proved to be a capable quarterback in a package called "Wildcat" where he takes a direct snap and runs, hands off or throws (7-of-9 for 3 TDs). McFadden finished second in the Heisman voting and won the Doak Walker Award. Look for them on the field together a lot, but don't forget about fullback Peyton Hillis, who clears out linebackers and catches passes equally well.

Marcus Monk has proven to be a big-play receiver, and London Crawford could have a breakout year. But the pressure will be on quarterback Casey Dick to accelerate his game to take advantage of the receivers.

Coach Houston Nutt hired offensive coordinator David Lee from the Dallas Cowboys to install a pro passing scheme. Dick might take a few lumps as the line breaks in two new starting tackles, but if he improves his consistency from last year the offense could be a handful for defenses to stop.

108 Arkansas has ranked No. 108 in the nation in passing each of the past two seasons.

Defense Replacing the top pass rusher, cover corner and run stopper won't be easy. Still, the front seven should be solid against the run and in rushing the passer. The key for the defense

will be how quickly the secondary is able to come along.

The defensive line took a hit when its most talented tackle, Marcus Harrison, tore a knee ligament in the spring. His status is iffy and he could end up redshirting. If Harrison can't go, then hard-working Cord Gray most likely moves up. Defensive end Antwain Robinson, who made the coaches' All-SEC second team, has turned into a force against the run and pass.

Freddie Fairchild has the physical tools to be one of the program's best linebackers in years, and nobody questions his toughness after he blew out a knee against Utah State and kept playing. "One of the most courageous things I've ever seen," coordinator Reggie Herring says. Fairchild is expected to be full go for preseason practice.

Free safety Michael Grant returns from knee surgery healthy again and should make a difference in cutting down big plays. Herring doesn't have the men to play press coverage on every snap like he prefers after Chris Houston bolted early for the NFL. They'll still play physical man-to-man often, but zone coverages will be mixed in to protect Matternal Richardson, Jerrell Norton and Jamar Love.

Specialists Years of Arkansas kicking woes have made freshman Alex Tejada and his lively leg perhaps the most anticipated among the signees. Jeremy Davis takes over the punting job he held for half of the 2004 season. Jones and McFadden are two of the SEC's most dangerous kickoff returners.

Final Analysis McFadden and Jones give Arkansas a chance to repeat as SEC West champions. Despite some key losses, the defense should be capable in Herring's blitz-happy attack. The difference between a good season and a great one, barring significant injuries, will be the quarterback play and how well the offense adapts to the pro passing scheme.



Darren McFadden

Offense (6)

SE	85 Marcus Monk (Sr.)	2 London Crawford (So.)
FL	18 Robert Johnson (Sr.)	7 Reggie Fish (Jr.)
LT	78 Jose Valdez (Jr.)	73 Ray Dominguez (Fr.)
LG	66 Mitch Petrus (Jr.)	62 Michael Aguirre (So.)
C	63 Jonathan Luigs (Jr.)	58 Joey Crossland (So.)
RG	61 Robert Felton (Sr.)	65 DeMarcus Love (Fr.)
RT	75 Nate Garner (Sr.)	72 Cody Green (Jr.)
TE	82 Andrew Davie (So.)	83 Lance Thompson (Jr.)
QB	11 Casey Dick (Jr.)	17 Nathan Emert (So.)
FB	22 Peyton Hillis (Sr.)	86 Ben Cleveland (So.)
TB	5 Darren McFadden (Jr.)	25 Felix Jones (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	96 Malcolm Sheppard (So.)	94 Chris Wade (Sr.)
DT	87 Ernest Mitchell (Jr.)	98 Cord Gray (Jr.)
DT	55 Marcus Harrison (Sr.)	95 Fred Bledsoe (Sr.)
DE	97 Antwain Robinson (Jr.)	40 Adrian Davis (So.)
SLB	44 Freddie Fairchild (So.)	42 Chip Gregory (Fr.)
MLB	30 Weston Dacus (Sr.)	47 Wendel Davis (So.)
WLB	41 Ryan Powers (Fr.)	45 Desmond Williams (Jr.)
CB	9 Matternal Richardson (Sr.)	29 Jamar Love (Jr.)
CB	27 Jerrell Norton (So.)	17 Shedrick Johnson (Jr.)
SS	31 Matt Hewitt (Sr.)	43 Dallas Washington (Jr.)
FS	8 Michael Grant (Sr.)	3 Kevin Woods (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	Alex Tejada (Fr.)	KR	25 Felix Jones (Jr.)
P	50 Jeremy Davis (Jr.)	PR	25 Felix Jones (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Casey Dick, 132-65-991-6, 9 TDs
Rushing: Darren McFadden, 284 car., 1,647 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Marcus Monk, 50 rec., 962 yds., 11 TDs
Tackles: Weston Dacus, 95, 59 solo; Antwain Robinson, 68, 44 solo
Sacks: Antwain Robinson, 8.5
Interceptions: Michael Grant, 3 for 0 yds.
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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Troy	W
S. 15	at Alabama	*
S. 22	Kentucky	*
S. 29	North Texas	W
O. 6	#Chattanooga	W
O. 13	Auburn	*
O. 20	at Ole Miss	W
O. 27	Florida International	W
N. 3	South Carolina	*
N. 10	at Tennessee	L
N. 17	#Mississippi State	W
N. 24	at LSU	L
	#Little Rock, AR	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	USC	L	14-50
S. 9	Utah State	W	20-0
S. 16	at Vanderbilt	W	21-19
S. 23	Alabama (2ot)	W	24-23
O. 7	at Auburn	W	27-10
O. 14	SE Missouri State	W	63-7
O. 21	Ole Miss	W	38-3
O. 28	UL Monroe	W	44-10
N. 4	at South Carolina	W	26-20
N. 11	Tennessee	W	31-14
N. 18	at Mississippi State	W	28-14
N. 23	LSU	L	26-31
D. 2	*Florida	L	28-38
J. 1	#Wisconsin	L	14-17
	*SEC Championship		
	#Capital One Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	31
Rushing	228.5 ypg	4
Passing	149.5 ypg	108
Total	378.0 ypg	29
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	24
Rushing	114.6 ypg	33
Passing	185.1 ypg	36
Total	299.6 ypg	26
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.29	78

Head Coach: Houston Nutt

2006 Record (SEC): 10-4 (7-1)



BOISE STATE BRONCOS

NATIONAL FORECAST

35

WAC PREDICTION

2

Offense The Broncos should be able to lean on a powerful running game while breaking in a new quarterback this season.

Junior Bush Hamdan emerged as the leading candidate in a four-way race for the starting quarterback job during spring ball. The strong-armed, emotional Hamdan has learned to limit his mistakes and has exhibited a penchant for clutch playmaking in scrimmages. Senior Taylor Tharp, a two-year backup, will push him in fall camp.

Junior tailback Ian Johnson is a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate with a patient, powerful running style. He finished eighth in Heisman voting last year when he led the nation with 25 touchdowns and ranked second with 142.8 rushing yards per game. Four freshmen will back him up, making Johnson's health one of the keys to the season.

The offensive line should dominate again with four returning starters, led by All-WAC first-team left tackle Ryan Clady. All-WAC second-teamer Jeff Cavender moves back to center after a year at right guard.

48

Boise State has 48 straight home wins against non-BCS teams. The Broncos have not lost to such a team on the blue turf since 1998. They play seven home games at Bronco Stadium this year, all against non-BCS teams.

Junior Vinny Perretta and sophomore Jeremy Childs should blossom into stars at wide receiver on a team that lost its top four receivers. Perretta is a multi-purpose threat who will line up at tailback and quarterback, too. Childs was one of the most touted recruits in school history when he signed in 2005.

Tight ends Ryan Putnam and Richie Brockel add some power to the run game, but neither is a serious receiving threat.

Defense The Broncos might own the best set of ends in the WAC, but they lack experience at tackle. Senior end Nick Schlekeway, a captain, is an undersized grinder. Junior end Mike T. Williams is a dynamic pass rusher who has lacked consistency. Senior Ian Smart and juniors Joe Bozikovich and Phillip Edwards must step up at tackle.

Juniors Kyle Gingg and David Shields stepped into starring roles at linebacker after sharing the weak-side job last year. The third starter could be freshman Derrell Acree or junior Tim Brady, two instinctive playmakers. It's a position of great depth for the Broncos, who could play as many as six or seven linebackers on a regular basis.

Senior safety Marty Tadman is one of the top contenders for WAC Defensive Player of the Year honors. He snagged six interceptions last season, including two in the Fiesta Bowl, and is Division I-A's active leader with 12. Sophomore Kyle Wilson and junior Orlando Scandrick provide a reliable pair of corners, while freshman Jason Robinson could be the hard-hitting safety the Broncos need.

Specialists The Broncos will turn over the kicking duties to a pair of freshmen — redshirt freshman Kyle Brotzman and true freshman punter Brad Elkin. Scandrick is expected to become the featured kickoff returner. He has returned a blocked field goal, two blocked PATs and an interception for points in his career.

Final Analysis The Broncos enter the season with a legitimate chance to return to a BCS bowl. This young, talented team should gain confidence and maturity as the season progresses — making September critical.

If the Broncos can escape the first month without a loss, they might not lose all season. The new starting quarterback will need to play efficiently from the start, and Johnson will need to stay healthy. But even if the Broncos hit a few bumps, they're a lock to go bowling.



Ian Johnson

Offense (5)

WR	19 Vinny Perretta (Jr.)	84 Aiona Key (So.)
WR	9 Jeremy Childs (So.)	21 Toshi Franklin (Jr.)
LT	79 Ryan Clady (Jr.)	73 Nate Potter (Fr.)
LG	66 Tad Miller (Sr.)	76 Jon Gott (Jr.)
C	54 Jeff Cavender (Sr.)	68 Mitch Rudder (Fr.)
RG	64 Pete Cavender (Sr.)	61 Jeff Biedermann (Sr.)
RT	60 Andrew Woodruff (Jr.)	75 Dan Gore (Sr.)
TE	39 Ryan Putnam (Sr.)	40 Richie Brockel (So.)
QB	3 Bush Hamdan (Jr.)	10 Taylor Tharp (Sr.)
FB	30 Michael Lose (Sr.)	32 Andy Silsby (So.)
TB	41 Ian Johnson (Jr.)	27 Jeremy Avery (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	93 Mike T. Williams (Jr.)	53 Sean Bingham (Jr.)
DT	90 Ian Smart (Sr.)	95 Sione Tavake (Sr.)
DE	67 Joe Bozikovich (Jr.)	94 Phillip Edwards (Jr.)
DT	97 Nick Schlekeway (Sr.)	98 Ryan Winterswyk (Fr.)
OLB	44 Kyle Gingg (Jr.)	24 Tim Brady (Jr.)
MLB	52 Derrell Acree (Fr.)	56 Josh Bean (Sr.)
OLB	43 David Shields (Jr.)	51 Dallas Dobbs (Jr.)
CB	22 Kyle Wilson (So.)	6 Rashaun Scott (Sr.)
CB	8 Orlando Scandrick (Jr.)	37 Austin Smith (Sr.)
S	20 Marty Tadman (Sr.)	38 Jeron Johnson (Fr.)
S	14 Jason Robinson (Fr.)	2 Garcia Day (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	20 Kyle Brotzman (Fr.)	KR	8 Orlando Scandrick (Jr.)
P	Brad Elkin (Fr.)	PR	22 Kyle Wilson (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Taylor Tharp, 13-11-88-1, 1 TD
Rushing: Ian Johnson, 277 car., 1,713 yds., 25 TDs
Receiving: Vinny Perretta, 17 rec., 124 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Marty Tadman, 53, 39 solo
Sacks: Mike T. Williams, 4
Interceptions: Marty Tadman, 6 for 176 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	Weber State	W
S. 8	at Washington	W
S. 15	Wyoming	W
S. 27	Southern Miss	*
O. 7	New Mexico State	W
O. 14	Nevada	W
O. 20	at Louisiana Tech	W
O. 26	at Fresno State	W
N. 3	San Jose State	W
N. 10	at Utah State	W
N. 17	Idaho	W
N. 23	at Hawaii	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Sacramento State	W	45-0
S. 7	Oregon State	W	42-14
S. 16	at Wyoming	W	17-10
S. 23	Hawaii	W	41-34
S. 30	at Utah	W	36-3
O. 7	Louisiana Tech	W	55-14
O. 15	at New Mexico State	W	40-28
O. 21	at Idaho	W	42-26
N. 1	Fresno State	W	45-21
N. 11	at San Jose State	W	23-20
N. 18	Utah State	W	49-10
N. 25	at Nevada	W	38-7
J. 1	#at Oklahoma	W	43-42

#Fiesta Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	39.7 ppg	2
Rushing	214.2 ypg	6
Passing	206.5 ypg	52
Total	420.6 ypg	10
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.6 ppg	20
Rushing	89.1 ypg	8
Passing	194.9 ypg	45
Total	284.0 ypg	14
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.85	10

Head Coach: Chris Petersen

2006 Record (WAC): 13-0 (8-0)



BYU

COUGARS

NATIONAL FORECAST

36

MWC PREDICTION

2

Offense After having John Beck start nearly every game for three seasons at quarterback, finishing his career at the school No. 2 in passing yards behind Ty Detmer, BYU doesn't have a single quarterback who has appeared in a Division I game. Max Hall ran the scout team while redshirting as a transfer from Arizona State, and Cade Cooper arrived this spring from Snow College. Even before Cooper sustained a season-ending foot injury in the final spring scrimmage, Hall was establishing himself as the starter. He'll be asked to do everything Beck did in terms of calling plays at the line of scrimmage and delivering the ball quickly, and the newcomers appear capable.

Despite losing Curtis Brown, the school's all-time leading rusher, BYU plans to run the ball even more. That's partly a function of breaking in a new quarterback and mostly a tribute to a strong offensive line and some big, tough running backs. Fui Vakapuna, a 234-pounder, is the biggest and toughest of all. Sharing time with Brown in basically a one-back offense, Vakapuna gained 445 yards, averaging 4.8 yards per carry.

fitting him in just about anywhere in the lineup because of Reynolds' versatility.

Defense BYU was young and unproven on the front line last year, and it's still young. That's less of an issue, because of the way Ian Dulan, Russell Tialavea and Jan Jorgensen established themselves.

Coach Bronco Mendenhall, who acts as his own defensive coordinator, moved from a 3-3-5 alignment to a 3-4 scheme last year, simply to get another linebacker on the field. The strategy worked, and linebacker is still the Cougars' strongest position. It starts on the outside with Bryan Kehl and David Nixon, two smart, fast players who are equally capable of covering receivers and rushing the passer.

Still, the secondary's improvement was the biggest reason the Cougars allowed only 14.7 points per game, ranking 10th in the country, and posted a plus-14 turnover margin. Former walk-on Ben Criddle made the biggest impact as a cornerback, breaking up nine passes and intercepting two.

Specialists The past two seasons, BYU used a kicker and punter named McLaughlin (Jared and Derek) who were unrelated. Before them, the Cougars relied exclusively on Matt Payne for both jobs, and now there's another Payne (Mitch, Matt's brother) who will do the same thing as a redshirt freshman.

Final Analysis The question hovering over the Mountain West Conference is whether BYU's 8-0 conference record in 2006 was simply a product of a senior-oriented offense, or a sign that the Cougars are really back. We should find out more this season. If BYU can maintain its offensive standards with a new quarterback, running back and tight end, the rest of the conference may be in trouble. If the Cougars struggle early against Pac-10 opponents Arizona and UCLA, they could lose the confidence they gained by winning their last 10 games of '06.



Fui Vakapuna

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By defeating Oregon 38-8 in the Las Vegas Bowl, the Cougars earned their first bowl victory in 10 years.

It is unusual for a team's best receiver not to have played the past two seasons, but it can happen at BYU, where many athletes serve two-year church missions. So the Cougars welcome back Austin Collie, who caught 53 passes for 771 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman in 2004.

BYU's concern about inexperience at other offensive positions is countered by confidence up front. The Cougars are strong, talented and deep along the offensive line. Dallas Reynolds missed spring drills with an injury, and new line coach Mark Weber will have the luxury of

Offense (6)

WR	3 Michael Reed (Jr.)	10 Matt Allen (Sr.)
WR	2 Bryce Mahuika (Jr.)	86 Daniel Tervort (So.)
WR	9 Austin Collie (So.)	10 Matt Allen (Sr.)
LT	64 RJ Willing (So.)	66 Garrett Reden (Fr.)
LG	65 Dallas Reynolds (Jr.)	76 Ray Feinga (Jr.)
C	67 Sete Aulai (Sr.)	64 RJ Willing (So.)
RG	74 Travis Bright (Jr.)	71 Rick Wolfley (Fr.)
RT	68 David Oswald (Jr.)	77 Jason Sperdon (Fr.)
TE	88 Andrew George (So.)	37 Vic So'oto (So.)
QB	15 Max Hall (So.)	6 Cade Cooper (Jr.)
RB	1 Fui Vakapuna (Jr.)	11 Manase Tonga (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	77 Ian Dulan (So.)	92 Brett Denney (So.)
NT	52 Russell Tialavea (So.)	90 Mosees Foketi (Jr.)
DE	84 Jan Jorgensen (So.)	54 Kyle Luekenga (Jr.)
SLB	41 Bryan Kehl (Sr.)	39 Grant Nelson (So.)
MLB	46 Kelly Poppinga (Sr.)	47 Terrance Hooks (So.)
BLB	42 Shawn Doman (So.)	36 Markell Staffieri (Sr.)
WLB	43 David Nixon (Jr.)	31 Chris Bolden (Sr.)
CB	34 Kayle Buchanan (Sr.)	4 Brandon Howard (So.)
CB	21 Ben Criddle (Sr.)	19 Andre Saulsberry (Sr.)
KAT	28 Dustin Gabriel (Sr.)	14 Corby Hodgkiss (Sr.)
FS	25 Quinn Gooch (Sr.)	23 David Tafuna (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	38 Mitch Payne (Fr.)	KR	2 Bryce Mahuika (Jr.)
P	38 Mitch Payne (Fr.)	PR	2 Bryce Mahuika (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: None
 Rushing: Fui Vakapuna, 92 car., 455 yds., 8 TDs
 Receiving: Matt Allen, 27 rec., 420 yds., 3 TDs
 Tackles: Bryan Kehl, 70, 35 solo
 Sacks: Jan Jorgensen, 5
 Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Arizona	*
S. 8	at UCLA	L
S. 15	at Tulsa	W
S. 22	Air Force	W
S. 29	at New Mexico	W
O. 13	at UNLV	W
O. 20	Eastern Washington	W
O. 27	at San Diego State	W
N. 3	Colorado State	W
N. 8	TCU	*
N. 17	at Wyoming	W
N. 24	Utah	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Arizona	L	13-16
S. 9	Tulsa	W	49-24
S. 16	at Boston College (ot)	L	23-30
S. 23	Utah State	W	38-0
S. 28	at TCU	W	31-17
O. 7	San Diego State	W	47-17
O. 21	UNLV	W	52-7
O. 28	at Air Force	W	33-14
N. 4	at Colorado State	W	24-3
N. 9	Wyoming	W	55-7
N. 18	New Mexico	W	42-17
N. 25	at Utah	W	33-31
D. 21	#Oregon	W	38-8

#Las Vegas Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	36.8 ppg	5
Rushing	141.9 ypg	53
Passing	323.5 ypg	4
Total	465.5 ypg	4
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.7 ppg	10
Rushing	114.1 ypg	31
Passing	205.1 ypg	65
Total	319.2 ypg	38
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+14	+1.08	4

Head Coach: Bronco Mendenhall

2006 Record (MWC): 11-2 (8-0)



ARIZONA WILDCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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PAC-10 PREDICTION

5

Offense When quarterback Willie Tuitama was healthy, Arizona beat BYU, Cal, Oregon and Washington State. But after suffering three concussions, the quarterback missed all or portions of seven games, and the fallout was obvious. The Wildcats finished 115th nationally in total offense, and Texas Tech assistant Sonny Dykes was hired to implement a spread offense.

Dykes' spread attack means quick reads and quick drops. With no capable backup quarterback on the roster, Tuitama's health is the most significant issue facing UA.

Starting tailback Chris Henry left school a year early to enter the NFL Draft. But senior Chris Jennings and sophomore Xavier Smith, who will likely split the job, are both good receivers for the spread offense. Combined, they gained 571 yards rushing last year.

Dykes expects to use six receivers, but Arizona has only two with much experience. Explosive junior Mike Thomas caught 50 passes last season. Senior Anthony Johnson is a useful part of the rotation and, unlike the 5'8" Thomas, a much bigger target at 6'2". The rest, mostly redshirt freshmen, will be forced into on-the-job training. Sophomore H-back Earl Mitchell has star potential.

After struggling in 2006 as freshmen on the offensive line, Eben Britton, Daniel Borg and Blake Kerley return as regulars. Eben and senior left tackle Peter Graniello are the leaders of a somewhat undersized group that lacks depth.

2

Arizona's 24-20 upset victory over No. 8 California was the second year in succession Stoops upset a Top 10 team, following a 52-14 rout over No. 7 UCLA in 2005.

Defense Already set with returning line starters Louis Holmes, Yaniv Barnett, Lionel Dotson and Jonathan Turner, the Wildcats discovered

two potential starters in the spring. Redshirt freshmen D'Aundre Reed and Ricky Elmore, both ends, should be on the field extensively.

The strength of Arizona's defense, at linebacker, lies with senior Spencer Larsen and junior Ronnie Palmer, both of whom are potential all-conference players. Senior Dane Krogstad is starting for the third season. Junior college transfer Vuna Tuihalamaka will be expected to play immediately, backing up Palmer and Spencer inside.

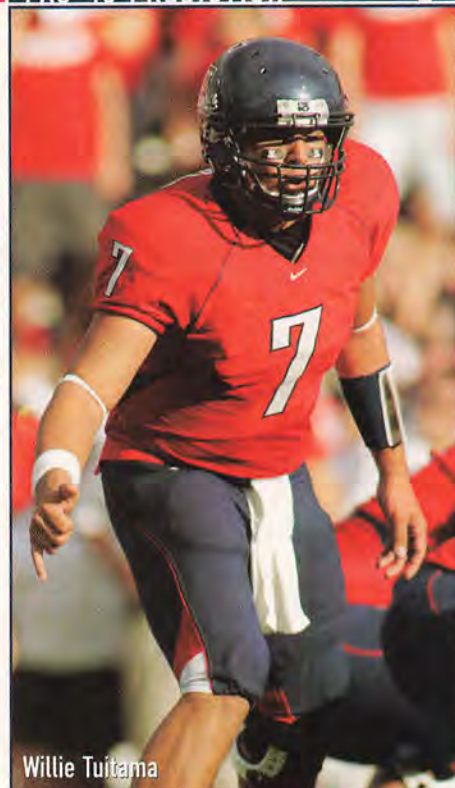
All-conference cornerback Antoine Cason and three-year starter Wilrey Fontenot are back for their fourth season together. The safety positions are overflowing with good young players, foremost among them is returning starter Dominic Patrick.

Specialists To replace all-conference punter and kicker Nick Folk, Arizona will go with redshirt freshman Keenyn Crier at punter. The field-goal job will be decided in training camp, with incoming freshman Alex Zendejas and junior Jason Bondzio in a two-man contest. Return men Devin Ross, B.J. Dennard and possibly Thomas are big play guys.

Final Analysis At 12-22 in his three seasons at Arizona, coach Mike Stoops has yet to break .500 or play in a bowl game. This should be his best team. Community support remains strong; home games were played to 99 percent capacity crowds last year. Interest seemed to grow in the offseason, when the offense was overhauled and the first spring scrimmage produced 55 passes in 72 plays.

Arizona has traditionally been a play-it-safe, defense-first program. But with the school unable to break into the Pac-10's first division since 1998, athletic director Jim Livengood allowed the school to spend about \$275,000 to hire Dykes away from Texas Tech.

The schedule is more favorable this year. Road games at USC, Cal and Arizona State are formidable, although Stoops' defense should be among the Pac-10's most imposing.



Willie Tuitama

Offense (8)

WR 10 Mike Thomas (Jr.)	18 Delashaun Dean (Fr.)
WR 9 Anthony Johnson (Sr.)	84 Terrell Turner (So.)
LT 76 Peter Graniello (Sr.)	66 James Tretheway (Jr.)
LG 68 Daniel Borg (So.)	52 Bill Wacholz (Jr.)
C 50 Blake Kerley (So.)	64 Colin Baxter (Fr.)
RG 75 Joe Longacre (Jr.)	57 Jovon Hayes (Fr.)
RT 77 Eben Britton (So.)	78 Adam Grant (So.)
TE 88 Rob Gronkowski (Fr.)	80 A.J. Simmons (Fr.)
QB 7 Willie Tuitama (Jr.)	12 Tyler Lyon (Fr.)
H-B 49 Earl Mitchell (So.)	45 Brandon Lopez (Jr.)
RB 28 Chris Jennings (Sr.)	30 Xavier Smith (So.)

Defense (10)

DE 1 Louis Holmes (Sr.)	98 Ricky Elmore (Fr.)
DT 96 Yaniv Barnett (Sr.)	46 Donald Horton (So.)
DT 54 Lionel Dotson (Fr.)	94 Lolomana Mikaele (Fr.)
DE 97 Johnathan Turner (Jr.)	83 D'Aundre Reed (Fr.)
OLB 39 Dane Krogstad (Sr.)	41 James Alford (Jr.)
ILB 33 Ronnie Palmer (Jr.)	55 Vuna Tuihalamaka (Jr.)
OLB 51 Spencer Larsen (Sr.)	15 Xavier Kelley (So.)
CB 5 Antoine Cason (Sr.)	2 Mike Turner (Fr.)
CB 3 Wilrey Fontenot (Sr.)	6 Devin Ross (So.)
SS 20 Cam Nelson (So.)	21 Corey Hall (So.)
FS 8 Dominic Patrick (Sr.)	32 Nate Ness (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 13 Jason Bondzio (Jr.)	KR 6 Devin Ross (So.)
P 47 Keenyn Crier (Fr.)	PR 10 Mike Thomas (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Willie Tuitama, 211-118-1,335-6, 7 TDs
Rushing: Chris Jennings, 105 car., 451 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Mike Thomas, 50 rec., 597 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Spencer Larsen, 89, 63 solo; Ronnie Palmer, 69, 41 solo
Sacks: Louis Holmes, 4
Interceptions: Antoine Cason, 3; Michael Klyce, 3

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at BYU	*
S. 8 Northern Arizona	W
S. 15 New Mexico	W
S. 22 at California	L
S. 29 Washington State	W
O. 6 at Oregon State	L
O. 13 at USC	L
O. 20 Stanford	W
O. 27 at Washington	W
N. 3 UCLA	L
N. 15 Oregon	*
D. 1 at Arizona State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 BYU	W	16-13
S. 9 at LSU	L	3-45
S. 16 Stephen F. Austin	W	28-10
S. 23 USC	L	3-20
S. 30 Washington	L	10-21
O. 7 at UCLA	L	7-27
O. 14 at Stanford	W	20-7
O. 21 Oregon State	L	10-17
N. 4 at Washington State	W	27-17
N. 11 California	W	24-20
N. 18 at Oregon	W	37-10
N. 25 Arizona State	L	14-28

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.6 ppg	105
Rushing	84.2 ypg	110
Passing	168.7 ypg	94
Total	252.8 ypg	115
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	35
Rushing	119.7 ypg	42
Passing	206.6 ypg	69
Total	326.3 ypg	49
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.58	23

Head Coach: Mike Stoops

2006 Record (Pac-10): 6-6 (4-5)



NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

NATIONAL FORECAST

38

Offense Four starters return on offense, and none of them are named Brady Quinn. That means a young and inexperienced quarterback will be at the helm with junior Evan Sharpley and freshman Jimmy Clausen as the likely top two, although sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer remained in the running upon the conclusion of spring.

Whoever Notre Dame's starting quarterback is, he'll undoubtedly look to senior tight end John Carlson, who emerged as a force in 2006.

Three new offensive linemen will be introduced to the starting lineup. Fifth-year senior John Sullivan returns at center, as does mammoth right tackle Sam Young after starting all 13 games as a true freshman.

Senior Travis Thomas, a running back who moved to linebacker in '06, has returned to the offensive backfield and will lead a host of hard-charging runners, including sophomore James Aldridge and freshman Armando Allen. Unheralded senior Junior Jabbie made a pitch for playing time in the spring.

Junior David Grimes becomes the go-to receiver and will be joined in the starting lineup by sophomore George West. The pecking order at receiver after Grimes and West was uncertain heading into fall camp.

235

Notre Dame's current crop of running backs combined to rush for only 235 yards last year, including 78 from

Travis Thomas, who played primarily at linebacker last year.

Defense First-year defensive coordinator Corwin Brown has his work cut out for him. Not only is he learning the job as coordinator on the fly, but he's also doing it while introducing a new 3-4 personnel scheme that he brought with him from the New York Jets.

The back eight of the defense appears to be

pretty talented, but two of the front three are a big question mark. Even three-year starter Trevor Laws must make the transition from nose tackle to left end. Pat Kuntz moves into the starting nose tackle slot, but at only 272 pounds in the spring, he is undersized.

The linebacker corps is led by veteran Maurice Crum. Sophomore Toryan Smith wrestled the other starting inside linebacker position away from senior Joe Brockington, who stepped into the starting lineup in '06. John Ryan, a defensive end in the 4-3 as a freshman, is now a starting outside linebacker in the 3-4.

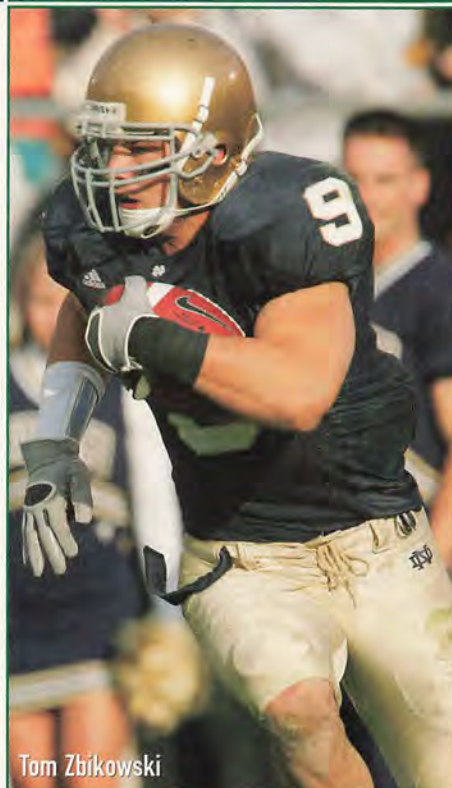
The much-maligned Irish secondary could be the top unit on the defense. Ambrose Wooden and Terrail Lambert are competent cornerbacks, with the latter flashing big-play ability in '06. Seasoned safety Tom Zbikowski, troubled by shoulder problems last season, appears primed for a standout final season.

Specialists Fifth-year senior punter Geoff Price was spectacular in '06 with a 45.4-yard average. But the Irish enter the fall still looking for answers at kicker with sophomores Ryan Burkhardt and Nate Whitaker and freshman Brandon Walker all competing for the starting spot. A healthy and trimmed-down Zbikowski should bring a spark to the punt return game.

Final Analysis Charlie Weis is confident that his playcalling and teaching, a more power-oriented ground game, and the arrival of Brown as defensive coordinator will be a combination that surprises the non-believers in '07. But the Irish likely will go as far as the inexperienced and thin defensive front allows.

If Notre Dame could ease into the season against a few patsies, it would help. But the Irish face a brutal schedule that doesn't let up until November.

An 9-3 season would be a successful transition season in Weis' third year at the helm. But a 7-5 or 6-6 record would not be a shock either.



Tom Zbikowski

Offense (4)

WR 11 David Grimes (Jr.)	82 Robby Parris (So.)
WR 19 George West (So.)	21 Barry Gallup (Fr.)
LT 72 Paul Duncan (Jr.)	71 Bartley Webb (Fr.)
LG 77 Mike Turkovich (Jr.)	55 Eric Olsen (So.)
C 78 John Sullivan (Sr.)	67 Thomas Bemenderfer (Jr.)
RG 51 Dan Wenger (Fr.)	73 Matt Carufel (So.)
RT 74 Sam Young (So.)	71 Bartley Webb (Fr.)
TE 89 John Carlson (Sr.)	84 Will Yeatman (So.)
QB 13 Evan Sharpley (Jr.)	7 Jimmy Clausen (Fr.)
FB 44 Asaph Schwapp (Jr.)	32 Luke Schmidt (Fr.)
RB 26 Travis Thomas (Sr.)	34 James Aldridge (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 98 Trevor Laws (Sr.)	92 Derrell Hand (Jr.)
NT 96 Pat Kuntz (Jr.)	59 Chris Stewart (Fr.)
DE 57 Dwight Stephenson (Sr.)	94 Justin Brown (Sr.)
OLB 90 John Ryan (So.)	41 Scott Smith (Jr.)
ILB 40 Maurice Crum (Sr.)	52 Joe Brockington (Sr.)
ILB 49 Toryan Smith (So.)	48 Steve Quinn (Jr.)
OLB 54 Anthony Vernaglia (Sr.)	53 Morrice Richardson (So.)
CB 20 Terrail Lambert (Sr.)	2 Darrin Walls (So.)
CB 22 Ambrose Wooden (Sr.)	15 Leo Ferrine (Sr.)
S 9 Tom Zbikowski (Sr.)	6 Ray Herring (Jr.)
S 27 David Bruton (Jr.)	28 Kyle McCarthy (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 39 Ryan Burkhardt (So.)	KR 19 George West (So.)
P 17 Geoff Price (Sr.)	PR 9 Tom Zbikowski (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Evan Sharpley, 2-1-7-0, 0 TD
Rushing: James Aldridge, 37 car., 142 yds., 0 TD
Receiving: David Grimes, 26 rec., 336 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Tom Zbikowski, 79, 44 solo
Sacks: Maurice Crum, 4
Interceptions: Terrail Lambert, 3 for 27 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Georgia Tech	L
S. 8 at Penn State	L
S. 15 at Michigan	L
S. 22 Michigan State	W
S. 29 at Purdue	*
O. 6 at UCLA	L
O. 13 Boston College	*
O. 20 USC	L
N. 3 Navy	W
N. 10 Air Force	W
N. 17 Duke	W
N. 24 at Stanford	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Georgia Tech	W	14-10
S. 9 Penn State	W	41-17
S. 16 Michigan	L	21-47
S. 23 at Michigan State	W	40-37
S. 30 Purdue	W	35-21
O. 7 Stanford	W	31-10
O. 21 UCLA	W	20-17
O. 28 at Navy	W	38-14
N. 4 North Carolina	W	45-26
N. 11 at Air Force	W	39-17
N. 18 Army	W	41-9
N. 25 at USC	L	24-44
J. 3 #LSU	L	14-41

#Sugar Bowl

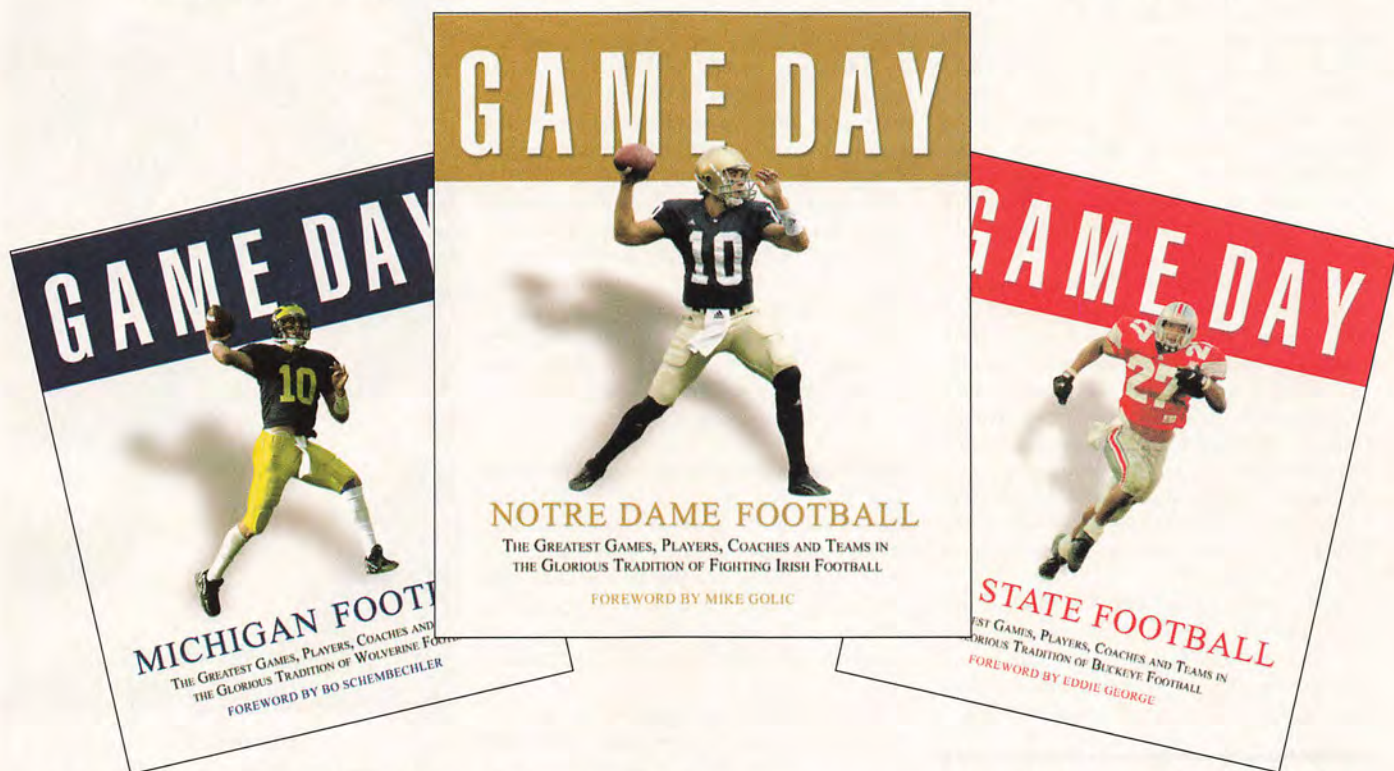
2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.0 ppg	16
Rushing	125.7 ypg	72
Passing	264.1 ypg	13
Total	389.8 ypg	23
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.9 ppg	67
Rushing	136.9 ypg	61
Passing	203.4 ypg	60
Total	340.2 ypg	65
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.38	34

Head Coach: Charlie Weis

2006 Record: 10-3

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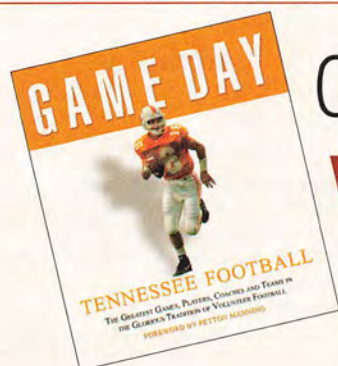
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SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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4

Offense Before the 2006 opener, South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier predicted that Blake Mitchell would be an All-SEC quarterback by season's end. While Mitchell ended the season on an upswing, he also endured a seven-game stretch on the bench. But Mitchell seems to have a firmer grip on the starting job in his third year under Spurrier. The 6'3", 211-pounder begins his final season with 4,245 passing yards and will finish among South Carolina's top three all-time passers if he stays healthy.

As long as he makes solid decisions and does not force throws into coverage, Mitchell should keep the demanding Spurrier from rotating quarterbacks. Backups Chris Smelley and Tommy Beecher did not provide much competition in the spring. Freshman Stephen Garcia, suspended for the spring after being arrested twice, will need to learn in a hurry. The same goes for speedy freshman receiver Chris Culliver, who Spurrier hopes will stretch defenses and take pressure off slot receiver Kenny McKinley.

Tailbacks Cory Boyd and Mike Davis return after combining for 1,297 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns last season. But they could find the running room scarce behind a line that replaces all three interior starters.

61.2

South Carolina senior quarterback Blake Mitchell has a 61.2 career completion percentage — the highest among the SEC's returning starting passers.

Defense The Gamecocks return plenty of defensive experience, although there is no guarantee the veterans will keep their jobs. South Carolina loaded up with seven defensive linemen last winter, turning one of its weakest positions into arguably its deepest. Prep school teammates Ladi Ajiboye and Clifton Geathers

and early enrollee Travian Robertson all were impressive during the spring. Cliff Matthews, a pass-rushing beast, is expected to contribute immediately. Those are just the newcomers. The returning players include ends Jordin Lindsey, the defensive MVP of the Liberty Bowl, and Eric Norwood, who tied for the team lead with seven sacks last season despite playing only in passing situations.

One player not worried about job security is middle linebacker Jasper Brinkley, whose 107 tackles in '06 were twice as many as the Gamecocks' No. 2 tackler.

Cornerback Captain Munnerlyn (5'9", 180) is small, but coaches love his aggressiveness and ability to stick to receivers. Juniors Carlos Thomas and Stoney Woodson join Munnerlyn in a three-man rotation at corner.

Specialists Shane Beamer, son of Virginia Tech coach and special teams guru Frank Beamer, was hired to improve this unit. The kicking game again will be entrusted to junior Ryan Succop, who last season averaged 43.6 yards per punt and made 16-of-20 field goals, including a 55-yarder. Culliver returned six kicks for touchdowns as a high school senior.

Final Analysis After becoming the first coach to lead the Gamecocks to bowl games in his first two years, Spurrier wants to raise the bar. But the always-candid Ball Coach admits his team remains a long shot to contend for the SEC title. "It's still going to be our goal. It's easy to set your goals," Spurrier says. "But we're way down the line as a team capable right now."

Spurrier has enough skill-position players to overcome the loss of receiver Sidney Rice. But will the offensive line be ready for September tests at Georgia and LSU?

Tyrone Nix's defense should keep the Gamecocks in games. If the line protects Mitchell and another receiver emerges, the Gamecocks will take down one of the SEC's top teams. Moving into the conference's upper echelon will prove more daunting.



Jasper Brinkley

Offense (6)

WR	11 Kenny McKinley (Jr.)	9 Moe Brown (So.)
WR	Chris Culliver (Fr.)	84 Jared Cook (So.)
LT	77 Jamon Meredith (Jr.)	75 Gurminder Thind (Jr.)
LG	70 Garrett Anderson (So.)	64 Kevin Young (Fr.)
C	71 William Brown (Sr.)	76 Jeremy Burgess (Jr.)
RG	57 Lemuel Jeanpierre (So.)	67 James Thompson (Sr.)
RT	78 Justin Sorensen (Jr.)	66 Hutch Eckerson (So.)
TE	80 Andy Boyd (Sr.)	19 Nick Prochak (Fr.)
QB	12 Blake Mitchell (Sr.)	Stephen Garcia (Fr.)
FB	39 Lanard Stafford (Sr.)	46 Bryan Kingrey (Jr.)
RB	3 Cory Boyd (Sr.)	25 Mike Davis (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	40 Eric Norwood (So.)	42 Travian Robertson (Fr.)
DT	95 Nathan Pepper (Jr.)	97 Kenrick Ellis (Fr.)
DT	91 Ladi Ajiboye (Fr.)	79 Marque Hall (Jr.)
DE	41 Jordin Lindsey (Sr.)	96 Clifton Geathers (Fr.)
WLB	51 Casper Brinkley (Sr.)	31 Gerrod Sinclair (So.)
MLB	52 Jasper Brinkley (Sr.)	48 Vandal Shackleford (So.)
SLB	45 Rodney Paulk (So.)	24 Cody Wells (Sr.)
CB	1 Captain Munnerlyn (So.)	36 Stoney Woodson (Jr.)
CB	5 Carlos Thomas (Jr.)	18 Chris Hail (So.)
FS	26 Brandon Isaac (Sr.)	32 Darian Stewart (So.)
SS	21 Emanuel Cook (So.)	33 Chris Hampton (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	14 Ryan Succop (Jr.)	KR	Chris Culliver (Fr.)
P	14 Ryan Succop (Jr.)	PR	11 Kenny McKinley (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Blake Mitchell, 202-135-1,789-6, 10 TDs
Rushing: Cory Boyd, 164 car., 823 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Kenny McKinley, 51 rec., 880 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Jasper Brinkley, 107, 85 solo; Marvin Sapp, 51, 35 solo
Sacks: Casper Brinkley, 7; Eric Norwood, 7
Interceptions: Stoney Woodson, 3 for 11 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	UL Lafayette	W
S. 8	at Georgia	L
S. 15	South Carolina State	W
S. 22	at LSU	L
S. 29	Mississippi State	W
O. 4	Kentucky	W
O. 13	at North Carolina	W
O. 20	Vanderbilt	W
O. 27	at Tennessee	L
N. 3	at Arkansas	*
N. 10	Florida	L
N. 24	Clemson	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	at Mississippi State	W	15-0
S. 9	Georgia	L	0-18
S. 16	Wofford	W	27-20
S. 23	Florida Atlantic	W	45-6
S. 28	Auburn	L	17-24
O. 7	at Kentucky	W	24-17
O. 21	at Vanderbilt	W	31-13
O. 28	Tennessee	L	24-31
N. 4	Arkansas	L	20-26
N. 11	at Florida	L	16-17
N. 18	Middle Tennessee	W	52-7
N. 25	at Clemson	W	31-28
D. 29	#Houston	W	44-36

#Liberty Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.6 ppg	44
Rushing	144.3 ypg	49
Passing	250.7 ypg	19
Total	395.0 ypg	20
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.7 ppg	29
Rushing	146.9 ypg	75
Passing	190.0 ypg	43
Total	336.9 ypg	63
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.15	73

2006 Record (SEC): 8-5 (3-5)

Head Coach: Steve Spurrier



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OREGON DUCKS

NATIONAL FORECAST

40

PAC-10 PREDICTION

6

Offense The Ducks need a strong senior season from quarterback Dennis Dixon, who lost the starting job late last fall after a spate of interceptions. His athleticism makes him the pick over Brady Leaf to start in new coordinator Chip Kelly's spread offense. Oregon's recent history is filled with quarterbacks who blossomed as seniors, including Akili Smith, Joey Harrington and Kellen Clemens.

Jonathan Stewart and Jeremiah Johnson comprise a strong backfield tandem, and the Ducks may occasionally play the two tailbacks at the same time. Stewart, one of the nation's top recruits in 2005, will be expected to crack the 1,000-yard mark and also may be featured more in the passing game.

There is ample talent at receiver, but very little consistency. Jaison Williams was the statistical leader last season, though his hands can sometimes be questionable. Garren Strong may be the best of the bunch but can't stay healthy, and Cameron Colvin has just one more chance to shine after being one of the country's most sought-after recruits in 2004.

The line lost two starters, but the open center position might be manned by Max Unger, a two-year starter at left tackle. Unger was a second-team All-Pac-10 pick last season, but the Ducks are deep at tackle and believe he may be their best option in the middle.

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Jonathan Stewart had fewer than 20 touches on offense in eight games last season. Oregon was 3-5 in those eight.

Defense A bigger impact from the front seven will be expected, after the Ducks struggled to adjust to the loss of tackle Haloti Ngata last fall. A solid rotation of veterans is available at the tackles, and the line should get a boost from the return of senior Victor Filipe, who redshirted last season with an elbow injury.

Better line play should free up the linebackers to make more big plays. They were solid but unspectacular last season, and the Ducks need them to force more turnovers this fall. Jerome Boyd will challenge returning starter Kwame Agyeman at strong safety, Oregon's name for its outside linebacker, and John Bacon needs to hold up in the middle, where the depth chart is thin.

The secondary should again be strong after leading the Pac-10 in pass defense in 2006. Sophomores Jairus Byrd and Walter Thurmond III return at the corners, and rover Patrick Chung is one of the top safeties on the West Coast. The secondary's strong 2006 effort was impressive in light of the front seven's mediocrity, and an effective pass rush would only serve to make the Ducks even better.

Specialists The Ducks were atrocious on special teams last season. Transfer Josh Syria has the leg to solve the punting woes, but a player who can receive punts without fumbling must emerge. Receiver Derrick Jones, a burner slowed by ankle problems last fall, could be the answer. Freshman Daniel Padilla may be called on to handle the placekicking.

Final Analysis The Ducks wilted down the stretch last season, and practices were noticeably more intense in the spring to toughen them up. But more than anything, a strong senior season from Dixon will determine Oregon's fortunes. With a good line and ample weapons at running back and receiver, the offense could be among the nation's best.

The conference schedule breaks well for Oregon, with home games against Cal, USC and rival Oregon State, but the team must weather a difficult early season test at Michigan with its confidence intact.

If that happens, the Ducks may just surprise some people and challenge for the Pac-10 title. But if the quarterback play doesn't improve, a lower-division finish won't be out of the question.



Jonathan Stewart

Offense (7)

WR 21 Garren Strong (Sr.)	6 Derrick Jones (So.)
WR 19 Brian Paysinger (Sr.)	3 Cameron Colvin (Sr.)
WR 4 Jaison Williams (Jr.)	Terence Scott (Jr.)
LT 60 Max Unger (Jr.)	57 Fenuki Tupou (Jr.)
LG 61 Josh Tschirgi (Sr.)	68 C.E. Kaiser (Fr.)
C 51 Jeff Kendall (Jr.)	54 Jordan Holmes (Fr.)
RG 66 Pat So'olalo (Sr.)	63 Jon Teague (Jr.)
RT 75 Geoff Schwartz (Sr.)	71 Mark Lewis (Jr.)
TE 83 Ed Dickson (So.)	81 Ryan Keeling (Jr.)
QB 10 Dennis Dixon (Sr.)	16 Brady Leaf (Sr.)
RB 28 Jonathan Stewart (Jr.)	24 Jeremiah Johnson (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 49 Nick Reed (Jr.)	39 Will Tukuafu (So.)
DT 97 Cole Linehan (Jr.)	90 David Faateete (Sr.)
DT 99 Jeremy Gibbs (Sr.)	91 Sonny Harris (Jr.)
DE 56 Victor Filipe (Sr.)	72 Dexter Manley (Sr.)
WLB 34 A.J. Tuitele (Sr.)	25 Kevin Garrett (So.)
MLB 40 John Bacon (Jr.)	35 Spencer Paysinger (Fr.)
SS 13 Jerome Boyd (Jr.)	30 Kwame Agyeman (Jr.)
ROV 15 Patrick Chung (Jr.)	1 Marvin Johnson (Fr.)
CB 32 Jairus Byrd (So.)	17 Willie Glasper (So.)
CB 6 Walter Thurmond (So.)	31 Jameel Dowling (Sr.)
FS 20 Matthew Harper (Sr.)	27 Titus Jackson (So.)

Special Teams

K Daniel Padilla (Fr.)	KR 28 Jonathan Stewart (Jr.)
P 80 Josh Syria (Jr.)	PR 15 Patrick Chung (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dennis Dixon, 322-197-2,143-14, 12 TDs
Rushing: Jonathan Stewart, 183 car., 981 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Jaison Williams, 68 rec., 984 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Patrick Chung, 84, 49 solo
Sacks: Nick Reed, 3.5
Interceptions: Jairus Byrd, 5 for 30 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Greg LeBoeuf

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Houston	W
S. 8 at Michigan	L
S. 15 Fresno State	W
S. 22 at Stanford	W
S. 29 California	L
O. 13 Washington State	W
O. 20 at Washington	W
O. 27 USC	L
N. 3 Arizona State	*
N. 15 at Arizona	*
N. 24 at UCLA	L
D. 1 Oregon State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Stanford	W	48-10
S. 9 at Fresno State	W	31-24
S. 16 Oklahoma	W	34-33
S. 30 at Arizona State	W	48-13
O. 7 at California	L	24-45
O. 14 UCLA	W	30-20
O. 21 at Washington State	L	23-34
O. 28 Portland State	W	55-12
N. 4 Washington	W	34-14
N. 11 at USC	L	10-35
N. 18 Arizona	L	10-37
N. 24 at Oregon State	L	28-30
D. 21 #BYU	L	8-38

#Las Vegas Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.5 ppg	25
Rushing	181.9 ypg	14
Passing	241.0 ypg	26
Total	422.9 ypg	9
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.5 ppg	89
Rushing	148.6 ypg	78
Passing	173.5 ypg	20
Total	322.1 ypg	42
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-10	-0.77	109

Head Coach: Mike Bellotti

2006 Record (Pac-10): 7-6 (4-5)



SOUTHERN MISS

GOLDEN EAGLES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Senior Jeremy Young is back for his second season as the team's starting quarterback. He's hoping 2007 finds him healthy. Limited most of the season by turf toe, Young didn't miss any games but was unable to fully display his skills as a runner. Despite the setback, Young passed for 1,769 yards and 12 touchdowns and gained enough yards to finish as the team's fourth-leading rusher (224 yards).

Damion Fletcher's emergence at running back last season fueled the team's bowl run. Fletcher, a consensus freshman All-American, is a powerful back not particularly blessed with outstanding speed. But what the 5'10", 175-pounder can do is make defenders miss with a combination of shifty moves and quick feet.

Sophomore Tory Harrison has the breakaway speed Fletcher lacks, and Antwain Easterling, the prized recruiting pickup from Miami's Northwestern High, has all the attributes — size, power and speed.

4,635

The 4,635 yards of total offense the Golden Eagles registered in 2006 represented a school record.

Tight end Shawn Nelson is the team's leading returning receiver and a big play threat. He possesses soft hands and good speed for his size, giving him the ability to take advantage when matched against linebackers.

Both tackles return, but the Golden Eagles will be replacing three interior linemen, including two who received all-conference accolades. The returning starters are left tackle Chris Clark, a third-team all-league pick last season and right tackle Ryan McKee, an honorable mention choice. Clark and McKee were members of an offensive front that allowed only 19 sacks.

Defense On the line, three starters — seniors Martavius Prince, Robert Henderson and Sean Merrill — are back. The Golden Eagles also welcome back each of their starting linebackers. Sophomore middle linebacker Gerald McRath blossomed into an all-conference-type performer last fall. Although not a prototypical middle linebacker, McRath is athletic and relentless on blitzes.

Both cornerbacks will be new. Eddie Willingham, a junior, played in all but one of the Eagles' games a year ago, but his time was limited because of experience ahead of him. At the other corner, Michael McGee steps in. McGee has good speed and cover ability and will play the boundary corner. Free safety LeVance Richmond returns after tying for the team lead with four interceptions. At the other safety spot will be all-conference performer Brandon Sumrall.

Specialists Britt Barefoot, a junior, punted and handled kickoffs for the Golden Eagles last season and may add kicking duties with the departure of four-year starter Darren McCaleb, the school's career scoring leader. Barefoot averaged 38.6 yards per punt in 2006 to rank ninth in the league.

Final Analysis Southern Miss has all the pieces in place for a dominating run to the conference title. Coach Jeff Bower has an experienced dual-threat quarterback in Young, the Conference USA's top running game and an All-America candidate at tight end. Bower also has one of the league's top defenses.

There will be some question marks for the Golden Eagles to solve, however. Three new starters on the offensive line must step in and be productive, especially as run blockers for a team that should average 200 yards rushing. Defensively, two new cornerbacks must be effective. But Bower has routinely been up to the challenge during a career that has seen him guide the Golden Eagles to 13 consecutive winning seasons.



Damion Fletcher

Offense (5)

WR	26 Ed Morgan (Jr.)	82 Ralph Turner (Fr.)
WR	87 Chris Johnson (Sr.)	84 Rodney Gray (Fr.)
LT	75 Chris Clark (Sr.)	68 Jacquinn Wrice (So.)
LG	76 Wesley Housley (Jr.)	61 Alex Michael (Fr.)
C	74 Rick Thompson (So.)	72 Cameron Zipp (Fr.)
RG	71 Ryan Hebert (So.)	69 Micah Brown (So.)
RT	66 Ryan McKee (Jr.)	64 Nick Dean (Sr.)
TE	1 Shawn Nelson (Jr.)	7 Derek Chapman (Sr.)
QB	10 Jeremy Young (Sr.)	12 Stephen Reaves (Sr.)
FB	34 Marcus Raines (Sr.)	31 Josh Barton (So.)
TB	25 Damion Fletcher (So.)	11 Tory Harrison (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	92 Eric Phillips (Jr.)	98 David Boyce (Fr.)
DT	97 Martavius Prince (Sr.)	58 Chris J. Johnson (Sr.)
DT	99 Sean Merrill (Sr.)	95 Anthony Gray (Fr.)
DE	91 Robert Henderson (Sr.)	45 Roshaad Byrd (Fr.)
SLB	22 James Denley (Sr.)	32 Martez Smith (Fr.)
MLB	24 Gerald McRath (So.)	46 Jerome Lyons (Sr.)
WLB	41 Tokumbo Abanikanda (Jr.)	49 Brandon Davis (So.)
CB	28 Michael McGee (So.)	17 Ivory Bradshaw (Jr.)
CB	23 Eddie Willingham (Jr.)	19 Greg Wingfield (Fr.)
SS	6 Brandon Sumrall (Sr.)	26 Justin Wilson (Fr.)
FS	15 LeVance Richmond (Sr.)	18 Eddie Hicks (So.)

Special Teams

K	3 Britt Barefoot (Jr.)	KR	82 Ralph Turner (Fr.)
P	3 Britt Barefoot (Jr.)	PR	87 Chris Johnson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jeremy Young, 281-161-1,769-6, 12 TDs
Rushing: Damion Fletcher, 276 car., 1,388 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Shawn Nelson, 36 rec., 506 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Gerald McRath, 104, 59 solo
Sacks: Robert Henderson, 4.5
Interceptions: LeVance Richmond, 4 for 69 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S.	1	Tennessee-Martin	W
S.	8	at Tennessee	L
S.	15	at East Carolina	W
S.	27	at Boise State	*
O.	3	Rice	W
O.	13	SMU	W
O.	21	at Marshall	W
O.	28	UCF	*
N.	3	at UAB	W
N.	10	Memphis	W
N.	17	at UTEP	W
N.	24	Arkansas State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S.	2	at Florida	L	7-34
S.	9	SE Louisiana	W	45-0
S.	16	NC State	W	37-17
S.	26	at UCF	W	19-14
O.	3	at Tulsa	L	6-20
O.	14	Houston	W	31-27
O.	21	at Virginia Tech	L	6-36
O.	28	East Carolina	L	17-20
N.	5	at Memphis	W	42-21
N.	11	at Tulane	W	31-3
N.	18	UAB	W	25-20
N.	25	Marshall	W	42-7
D.	1	at Houston	L	20-34
J.	7	#Ohio	W	28-7

#GMAC Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.4 ppg	51
Rushing	169.9 ypg	25
Passing	161.2 ypg	99
Total	331.1 ypg	68
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.6 ppg	28
Rushing	127.8 ypg	50
Passing	180.3 ypg	26
Total	308.1 ypg	30
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.43	32

Head Coach: Jeff Bower

2006 Record (C-USA): 9-5 (7-2)



PURDUE

BOILERMAKERS

Offense This could be one of the most explosive offenses Purdue has ever had under coach Joe Tiller — which is saying something. That largely depends on quarterback Curtis Painter. The strong-armed Painter has shown signs of brilliance, but he's also been erratic — he has the same number of interceptions as touchdown passes (25) in 19 career starts.

The wide receiving corps is one of the Big Ten's best. Elusive Dorian Bryant runs underneath routes as well as anyone in the country, and the outside duo of Selwyn Lymon and Greg Orton is tall and athletic. Lymon is expected to fully recover from a chest wound he suffered in a stabbing outside a West Lafayette nightclub in March.

There's a fierce battle for the starting tailback spot between incumbent Kory Sheets and Jaycen Taylor. Whoever wins will run behind a veteran line led by Jordan Grimes, one of the top guards in the country. Athletic tight end Dustin Keller will challenge for All-Big Ten honors if he's fully recovered from shoulder surgery.

101 Purdue's national ranking in offense (13th) and defense (114th) was separated by 101 spots last season. The Boilermakers were first and last respectively in the Big Ten.

Defense Even with All-Big Ten defensive end Anthony Spencer, the Boilermakers were pushed around far too often. Spencer is now in the NFL, leaving even more questions.

Linebacker Cliff Avril moved to end on a full-time basis midway through last season and played well, but the key player up front is Alex Magee, a two-year starter at tackle who also may play on the outside this season. The coaches think the 6'5", 295-pound Magee will cause some matchup nightmares for the opposition.

Anthony Heygood was the No. 4 running back when he convinced the coaching staff to move him to defense last season. He had a superb spring and will be the starting weakside linebacker. Heygood combines with Stanford Kegar to form a speedy outside duo.

But problems loom on the inside. Dan Bick was the likely starter, but he missed spring practice because of a neck injury and also has a troublesome shoulder. Incoming junior college transfer Brian Ellis figures to get a long look.

A young secondary got better as the season went along but suffered a blow when Tiller suspended strong safety Torri Williams in the spring after an alcohol-related incident. Williams missed most of last season after a knee injury in the opener, but appeared to be on his way back. His return is uncertain.

Specialists Jared Armstrong is a solid punter, and Bryant and Sheets give the Boilermakers a pair of dangerous kickoff returners. But the punt-return game was ordinary at best, and kicker Chris Summers finished his freshman year by missing 11 of his last 14 field-goal attempts. Summers shows a strong leg in practice, but it hasn't carried over into games.

Final Analysis Even with nine starters returning on both sides of the ball, there's a general sense of uneasiness among the Purdue faithful. Michigan and Ohio State are back on the schedule after a two-year absence. The defense has been porous and lost its best player by far in Spencer. Painter has been decent, but hasn't yet come close to pleasing fans who remember the recent brilliance of Drew Brees and Kyle Orton at quarterback.

But there is hope. If Painter improves, the offense can be as good as any in the Big Ten. Bryant and Keller will drive opposing defenses crazy, and keep an eye on Taylor, who is emerging as one of the top all-around players in the league. The defense, however, remains a huge question mark, and that will determine where this team ends up in the Big Ten.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG TEN PREDICTION

6



Dorian Bryant

Offense (9)

WR 1 Selwyn Lymon (So.)	88 Jake Standeford (Sr.)
WR 9 Dorian Bryant (Sr.)	6 Desmond Tardy (Jr.)
WR 21 Greg Orton (Jr.)	19 Brandon Whittington (Jr.)
LT 51 Garret Miller (Jr.)	73 Dan Zaleski (Jr.)
LG 56 Jonathan Patton (Jr.)	50 Eric Hedstrom (So.)
C 68 Robbie Powell (Sr.)	78 Cory Benton (Jr.)
RG 66 Jordan Grimes (Sr.)	60 Zach Smith (Jr.)
RT 74 Sean Sester (Jr.)	77 Ryan Prater (Fr.)
TE 28 Dustin Keller (Sr.)	85 Kyle Adams (So.)
QB 12 Curtis Painter (Jr.)	14 Joey Elliott (So.)
RB 33 Jaycen Taylor (Jr.)	24 Kory Sheets (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 32 Cliff Avril (Sr.)	95 Keyon Brown (So.)
DT 71 Alex Magee (Jr.)	92 Mike Neal (So.)
DT 54 Jared Zwilling (So.)	90 Ryan Baker (Jr.)
DE 87 Mike McDonald (Sr.)	45 Eugene Bright (Sr.)
SLB 59 Stanford Kegar (Sr.)	46 Jeff Lindsay (Fr.)
MLB 36 Dan Bick (Sr.)	27 Kevin Green (Fr.)
WLB 42 Anthony Heygood (Jr.)	47 Mike Durrett (Sr.)
CB 10 Royce Adams (So.)	35 David Pender (Fr.)
CB 34 Terrell Vinson (Sr.)	26 Aaron Lane (Jr.)
SS 23 Justin Scott (Sr.)	2 Torri Williams (Jr.)
FS 16 Brandon Erwin (So.)	8 Keith Smith (So.)

Special Teams

K 13 Chris Summers (So.)	KR 9 Dorian Bryant (Sr.)
P 11 Jared Armstrong (Sr.)	PR 10 Royce Adams (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Curtis Painter, 530-315-3,985-19, 22 TDs
Rushing: Kory Sheets, 158 car., 780 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Dorian Bryant, 87 rec., 1,068 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Dan Bick, 95, 59 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 6
Interceptions: Justin Scott, 3 for 31 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Toledo	W
S. 8 Eastern Illinois	W
S. 15 Central Michigan	W
S. 22 at Minnesota	W
S. 29 Notre Dame	*
O. 6 Ohio State	L
O. 13 at Michigan	L
O. 20 Iowa	*
O. 27 Northwestern	W
N. 3 at Penn State	L
N. 10 Michigan State	W
N. 17 at Indiana	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Indiana State	W	60-35
S. 9 Miami (Ohio) (ot)	W	38-31
S. 16 Ball State	W	38-28
S. 23 Minnesota	W	27-21
S. 30 at Notre Dame	L	21-35
O. 7 at Iowa	L	17-47
O. 14 at Northwestern	W	31-10
O. 21 Wisconsin	L	3-24
O. 28 Penn State	L	0-12
N. 4 at Michigan State	W	17-15
N. 11 at Illinois	W	42-31
N. 18 Indiana	W	28-19
N. 25 at Hawaii	L	35-42
D. 29 #Maryland	L	7-24

#Champs Sports Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.0 ppg	46
Rushing	124.1 ypg	76
Passing	291.6 ypg	6
Total	415.7 ypg	13
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.7 ppg	90
Rushing	191.2 ypg	114
Passing	241.2 ypg	104
Total	432.4 ypg	114
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.07	66

Head Coach: Joe Tiller

2006 Record (Big Ten): 8-6 (5-3)



KENTUCKY

WILDCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

43
5

Offense Last season, quarterback Andre' Woodson completed 63 percent of his passes and threw for 3,515 yards with 31 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Woodson was spectacular again in the spring, but he never took a hit. He was off-limits to contact, thanks to an unsettled backup quarterback situation. Last season's backup, Curtis Pulley, left school in the spring for academic reasons.

Woodson's favorite target again should be Keenan Burton, who solidified himself as one of the SEC's top receivers with 77 catches, 1,036 yards and 12 touchdowns last season.

For balance, Kentucky will lean on Rafael Little, who averaged 96.8 rushing yards per game in his final four games last season, despite playing on an injured knee that cost him four games. The hope is that a healthy Little can return to the form he showed as a sophomore, when he ran for 1,045 yards and nine touchdowns.

If there's a question on offense, it's the line, which returns only two starters, but senior Eric Scott, a converted tight end, was the talk of the spring at center.

The Cats' best defensive player is senior weak-side linebacker Wesley Woodyard, who had 122 tackles as a junior — a team-high 9.5 for loss — and finished second in the SEC in tackles per game.

Kentucky returns its top two in sacks, sophomore Jeremy Jarmon at left end and junior Myron Pryor at right tackle.

In the secondary, there's a big-play guy at safety (Marcus McClinton) and another at corner (Trevard Lindley), and the Wildcats will look to fill in the blanks from there.

Specialists Sophomore Lones Seiber returns after making 11 of 19 field goals and 33 of 34 PATs. Punter Tim Masthay is back after a sophomore season in which he remained inconsistent but averaged 39.2 yards per boot. With Little, Burton and Dicky Lyons Jr. back to return kickoffs and punts, Kentucky is a good bet to have the nation's best overall return game for the third consecutive season.

Final Analysis After finishing 9-25 in Rich Brooks' first three seasons, the Wildcats went 8-5 last season, winning four of their last five regular-season games and grabbing the school's first bowl win in 22 years. Kentucky returns seven starters on offense and eight on defense from that bowl-winning team, and with three of the Southeastern Conference's most electric offensive players — Woodson, Burton and Little — among that group, there's a newfound optimism in Lexington.

Though it features a school-record eight home games, the schedule is unforgiving. Seven opponents played in bowl games last season, including BCS participants Florida, LSU and Louisville. And, as Brooks told his team last season, the SEC is unlikely to look past the Cats this year.

But with an explosive offense, a defense that has the talent to take a step forward and a team that learned how to pull the upset last season, there's no reason to think Kentucky can't claw its way to six wins this time around.



Andre' Woodson

162 Quarterback Andre' Woodson has thrown 162 consecutive passes without an interception, a school record. Last season, Woodson threw 31 touchdowns and seven interceptions, and with 14 career picks, he's the SEC's all-time leader in interception ratio among players with at least 400 attempts.

Defense To win another bowl, the Wildcats must make major strides on defense, where new coordinator Steve Brown — promoted from defensive backs coach to replace Mike Archer, who left for NC State — inherits a unit that ranked 118th in total defense.

Offense (7)

WR 19 Keenan Burton (Sr.)	13 Steve Johnson (Sr.)
WR 12 Dicky Lyons (Jr.)	8 DeMoreo Ford (Jr.)
LT 79 Garry Williams (Jr.)	71 James Alexander (Jr.)
LG 78 Christian Johnson (Jr.)	68 Michael Williams (So.)
C 59 Eric Scott (Sr.)	66 Jason Leger (Sr.)
RG 66 Jason Leger (Sr.)	73 Jess Beets (Jr.)
RT 76 Justin Jeffries (So.)	64 Josh Winchell (Jr.)
TE 18 Jacob Tammie (Sr.)	80 T.C. Drake (So.)
QB 3 Andre' Woodson (Sr.)	5 Mike Hartline (Fr.)
FB 38 John Conner (So.)	40 Maurice Grinter (So.)
TB 22 Rafael Little (Sr.)	28 Tony Dixon (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 99 Jeremy Jarmon (So.)	96 J.D. Craigman (Sr.)
DT 91 Corey Peters (So.)	95 Ventrell Jenkins (Jr.)
DT 98 Myron Pryor (Jr.)	53 Ricky Lumpkin (Fr.)
DE 97 Nii Adjei Oninku (Jr.)	20 Dominic Lewis (Sr.)
SLB 51 Johnny Williams (Jr.)	47 A.J. Nance (So.)
MLB 56 Braxton Kelley (Jr.)	4 Micah Johnson (So.)
WLB 16 Wesley Woodyard (Sr.)	50 Sam Maxwell (So.)
CB 32 Trevard Lindley (So.)	34 Paul Warford (So.)
CB 17 E.J. Adams (So.)	23 Shomari Moore (Jr.)
SS 35 Roger Williams (Sr.)	27 Ashton Cobb (So.)
FS 2 Marcus McClinton (Jr.)	33 Calvin Harrison (So.)

Special Teams

K 36 Lones Seiber (So.)	KR 19 Keenan Burton (Sr.)
P 44 Tim Masthay (Jr.)	PR 22 Rafael Little (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Andre' Woodson, 419-264-3,515-7, 31 TDs
Rushing: Rafael Little, 140 car., 673 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Keenan Burton, 77 rec., 1,036, 12 TDs
Tackles: Wesley Woodyard, 122, 80 solo; Braxton Kelly, 82, 57 solo
Sacks: Myron Pryor, 5
Interceptions: Marcus McClinton, 4 for 13 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Eastern Kentucky	W
S. 8 Kent State	W
S. 15 Louisville	L
S. 22 at Arkansas	*
S. 29 Florida Atlantic	W
O. 4 at South Carolina	L
O. 13 LSU	L
O. 20 Florida	L
O. 27 Mississippi State	W
N. 10 at Vanderbilt	*
N. 17 at Georgia	L
N. 24 Tennessee	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3 at Louisville	L 28-59
S. 9 Texas State	W 41-7
S. 16 Ole Miss	W 31-14
S. 23 at Florida	L 7-26
S. 30 Central Michigan	W 45-36
O. 7 South Carolina	L 17-24
O. 14 at LSU	L 0-49
O. 28 at Mississippi State	W 34-31
N. 4 Georgia	W 24-20
N. 11 Vanderbilt	W 38-26
N. 18 UL Monroe	W 42-40
N. 25 at Tennessee	L 12-17
D. 29 #Clemson	W 28-20

#Music City Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.7 ppg	43
Rushing	98.6 ypg	101
Passing	276.7 ypg	9
Total	375.3 ypg	31
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.4 ppg	99
Rushing	184.5 ypg	108
Passing	268.9 ypg	118
Total	453.4 ypg	118
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+15	+1.15	2

Head Coach: Rich Brooks

2006 Record (SEC): 8-5 (4-4)



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS

NATIONAL FORECAST
PAC-10 PREDICTION

44
7

Offense The Sun Devils were a pass-first offense under former coach Dirk Koetter, but that trend will change under new ASU coach Dennis Erickson.

Erickson plans to feature senior running back Ryan Torain, who is the team's best player and a potential first-round pick in next April's NFL Draft. Torain will run behind a veteran offensive line that could be one of the best units in the Pac-10.

Another reason for the emphasis on the running game will be ASU's lack of quality wide receivers. The Sun Devils have several talented wideouts — most notably Brandon Smith and Kyle Williams — but they don't have a No. 1 receiver or a proven possession receiver who can make critical catches on third down and in the Red Zone.

Junior quarterback Rudy Carpenter, who played with two broken hands last year, will be aided by a return to health as well as the installation of the shotgun, a scheme Koetter eschewed. Carpenter led the nation in passing efficiency as a freshman but struggled last year because of injuries and the inexperience at the wide receiver position; expect him to return to form if his wideouts grow up.

1,229 Ryan Torain rushed for 1,229 yards as a junior in 2006 — ranking him eighth on ASU's all-time single-season rushing list.

Defense If the Sun Devils are going to make any noise in the Pac-10, the defense has to make dramatic improvement. ASU does not have a dynamic playmaker among its front seven, although there's hope that junior college transfer middle linebacker Morris Wooten, who was named 2006 NJCAA Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year, can fit the bill in his first season in Tempe.

The Sun Devils are also small up front and will be vulnerable to teams with a strong running game. Defensive end Luis Vasquez, another junior college transfer, needs to have a big season for ASU to have any chance of holding its own at the line of scrimmage.

Of further concern is the cornerback position. ASU has just one consistent corner in senior Justin Tryon. The Sun Devils are so thin at the other cornerback spot that freshman Omar Bolden may step in and start.

The strength of the defense is the safety position, where free safety Josh Barrett is one of the Pac-10's best players and biggest hitters. The NFL is in Barrett's future, following likely All-Pac-10 honors this year.

Specialists ASU has some unanswered questions on special teams. Redshirt freshman Thomas Weber, who has a strong leg, takes over the kicking duties, but he missed two field goal attempts in the spring game before making a 52-yarder. The Sun Devils also need to replace return specialist Terry Richardson. The job will fall to either Williams or Rudy Burgess. Punter Jonathan Johnson doesn't have the strongest leg, but he has great trajectory on his kicks.

Final Analysis Sun Devil fans are excited about Erickson's arrival and the two national championships on his resume. But it's going to take Erickson some time to turn ASU into a contender for the Pac-10 title with conference heavyweights USC and California, much less a national power.

The schedule does work in the Sun Devils' favor. ASU plays eight of its 12 games at home, and will face the Trojans and Golden Bears at Sun Devil Stadium.

Still, it's hard to imagine the Sun Devils making the jump from a 7-6 team to a club that will be playing for a Rose Bowl berth come November. Another middle-of-the-pack finish is likely, but Erickson has the program headed in the right direction.



Rudy Carpenter

Offense (8)

WR 2	Brandon Smith (So.)	1	Michael Jones (Jr.)
WR 13	Chris McGaha (So.)	3	Rudy Burgess (Sr.)
WR 6	Kyle Williams (So.)	81	Tyrice Thompson (Sr.)
LT 62	Brandon Rodd (Jr.)	75	Richard Tuitu'u (So.)
LG 73	Robert Gustavis (Sr.)	67	Shawn Lauvao (So.)
C 76	Mike Pollak (Sr.)	56	Thomas Altieri (So.)
RG 63	Paul Fanaika (Jr.)	67	Shawn Lauvao (So.)
RT 78	Zach Krula (Sr.)	79	Julius Oriekwu (Sr.)
TE 87	Brent Miller (Sr.)	80	Dane Guthrie (Jr.)
QB 12	Rudy Carpenter (Jr.)	15	Danny Sullivan (So.)
TB 26	Ryan Torain (Sr.)	24	Keegan Herring (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 97	Luis Vasquez (Jr.)	85	Kellen Mills (Sr.)
DT 77	Michael Marquardt (Sr.)	71	Saia Falahola (Fr.)
DT 90	David Smith (Jr.)	59	Jon Hargis (Fr.)
DE 58	Dexter Davis (So.)	95	Eric Tanner (Jr.)
SLB 44	Travis Goethel (So.)	2	Ryan McFoy (So.)
MLB 52	Morris Wooten (Jr.)	47	Gerald Munns (So.)
WLB 25	Mike Nixon (So.)	29	Robert James (Sr.)
CB 23	Chris Baloney (Sr.)	21	Chad Green (Sr.)
CB 4	Justin Tryon (Sr.)		Omar Bolden (Fr.)
SS 7	Jeremy Payton (Jr.)	14	Troy Nolan (Jr.)
FS 19	Josh Barrett (Sr.)	22	Rodney Cox (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 38	Thomas Weber (Fr.)	KR 4	Justin Tryon (Sr.)
P 35	Jonathan Johnson (Sr.)	PR 6	Kyle Williams (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Rudy Carpenter, 332-184-2,523-14, 23 TDs

Rushing: Ryan Torain, 223 car., 1,229 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: Mike Jones, 20 rec., 318 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Josh Barrett, 82, 58 solo

Sacks: Dexter Davis, 6

Interceptions: Josh Barrett, 3 for 42 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

John Medina

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	San Jose State	W
S. 8	Colorado	W
S. 15	San Diego State	W
S. 22	Oregon State	L
S. 29	at Stanford	W
O. 6	at Washington State	W
O. 13	Washington	W
O. 27	California	L
N. 3	at Oregon	*
N. 10	at UCLA	L
N. 22	USC	L
D. 1	Arizona	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Northern Arizona	W	35-14
S. 9	Nevada	W	52-21
S. 16	at Colorado	W	21-3
S. 23	at California	L	21-49
S. 30	Oregon	L	13-48
O. 14	at USC	L	21-28
O. 21	Stanford	W	38-3
O. 28	at Washington (ot)	W	26-23
N. 4	at Oregon State	L	10-44
N. 11	Washington State	W	47-14
N. 18	UCLA	L	12-24
N. 25	at Arizona	W	28-14
D. 24	#at Hawaii	L	24-41

#Hawaii Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	42
Rushing	169.7 ypg	27
Passing	197.6 ypg	61
Total	367.3 ypg	42
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	76
Rushing	116.9 ypg	39
Passing	210.9 ypg	73
Total	327.9 ypg	51
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Dennis Erickson

2006 Record (Pac-10): 7-6 (4-5)



VANDERBILT COMMODORES

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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Offense The Vanderbilt offense, as expected, took a step back last season without Jay Cutler, the 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year. But the Commodores received solid play from Chris Nickson, who was one of only two quarterbacks in the nation to throw for at least 2,000 yards and rush for at least 650 yards.

Running the ball more effectively was a big point of emphasis during the spring. Vanderbilt's stats were solid in 2006 — the Dore ranked fourth in the SEC in rushing and their three primary ball-carriers each averaged at least 4.0 yards per carry — but coach Bobby Johnson would like his team to be more consistent in the run game. VU rushed for 200 yards or more three times and 110 yards or less five times.

All-America wide receiver Earl Bennett proved that he could thrive without Cutler slinging him the ball all over the field. As a sophomore, Bennett caught a league-high 82 passes for 1,146 yards and six touchdowns. A two-time first-team All-SEC pick by the coaches, Bennett is on pace to break the SEC career record for both receptions and yards sometime during his junior season.

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Vanderbilt has lost its last two games to Florida by an average of 6.5 points. The Dore lost in Gainesville 49–42 in double-overtime in 2005 and dropped a 25–19 decision to the eventual national champs in Nashville last fall.

Barring an unforeseen injury, Vanderbilt will start five seniors on the offensive line this fall. The unit will be anchored by a pair of All-SEC-caliber tackles, Chris Williams on the left side and Brian Stamper on the right. Stamper, a second-team All-SEC pick two years ago, was granted a medical redshirt by the NCAA after missing the final seven games of the '06 season with a back injury.

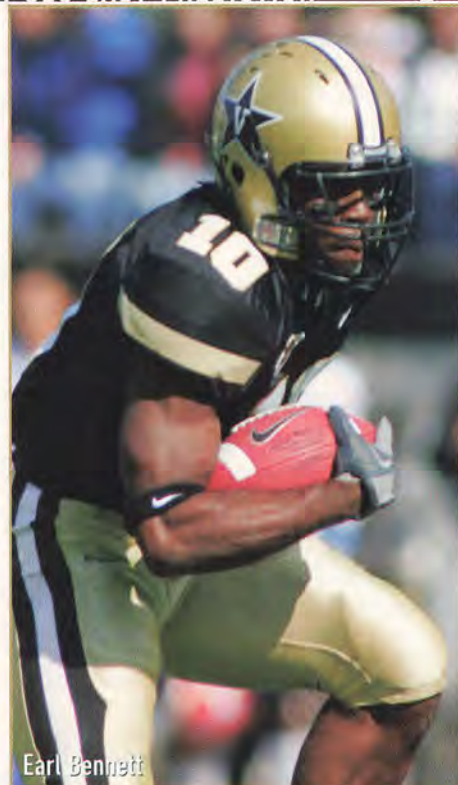
Defense Vanderbilt struggled on defense once again — 10th in the SEC — but the line made significant strides under first-year position coach Ricky Logo. The Dore recorded 25 sacks in 12 games after combining for 27 in the previous two seasons. Curtis Gatewood, a former linebacker who has excelled since his switch to end, accounted for seven of those sacks.

Jonathan Goff, rated by one scouting service as the top junior linebacker in the nation last year, flirted with the NFL Draft but opted to remain in Nashville for his senior season. He will headline what should be a rock-solid linebacking corps that will also feature hard-hitting senior Marcus Buggs on the strong side and rising star Brandon Bryant on the weak side.

The statistics will tell you that Vanderbilt's pass defense was respectable, but the reality is that the secondary struggled in 2006. "We gave up the big play too often," Johnson says. Sophomore corner Myron Lewis was one of the stars of spring practice and appears to have won a starting spot. He likely will team with sophomore D.J. Moore, who broke into the starting lineup four games into his true freshman season. The starting safeties will be standout junior Reshard Langford and sophomore Ryan Hamilton.

Specialists Vanderbilt's struggles on special teams continued in 2006. The Commodores ranked eighth in the SEC in net punting, 12th in punt returns and 10th in kickoff returns. Kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt was solid as a freshman but erratic (8-of-17) as a sophomore.

Final Analysis Despite the evident strengths of Johnson's team — and a schedule that features eight home games — the reality of the situation is that Vanderbilt still competes in the brutal SEC East, which sent five of six teams to bowl games last year. This could be the most talented Vanderbilt team in two decades, yet it's hard to find a sound reason not to pick the Commodores sixth in the East.



Earl Bennett

Offense (8)

WR 10 Earl Bennett (Jr.)	81 Bryant Anderson (Jr.)
WR 88 George Smith (Jr.)	26 Alex Washington (So.)
WR 7 Sean Walker (Jr.)	80 Justin Wheeler (So.)
LT 74 Chris Williams (Sr.)	66 Eric Hensley (So.)
LG 78 Josh Eames (Sr.)	70 Drew Gardner (So.)
C 53 Hamilton Holliday (Sr.)	70 Bradley Vierling (So.)
RG 64 Merritt Kirchoffer (Sr.)	73 Ryan Custer (So.)
RT 72 Brian Stamper (Sr.)	76 Thomas Welch (So.)
TE 83 Brad Allen (Jr.)	85 Jake Bradford (So.)
QB 3 Chris Nickson (Jr.)	9 Mackenzi Adams (So.)
TB 21 Jeff Jennings (Fr.)	22 C. Jackson-Garrison (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 48 Curtis Gatewood (Sr.)	51 Quavian Lewis (So.)
DT 56 Gabe Hall (Sr.)	98 Greg Billinger (So.)
DT 54 Theo Horrocks (Sr.)	92 Brandon Holmes (Jr.)
DE 95 Steven Stone (So.)	89 Broderick Stewart (So.)
SLB 24 Marcus Buggs (Sr.)	52 Nathan Campbell (Fr.)
MLB 47 Jonathan Goff (Sr.)	57 Chris Johnson (So.)
WLB 35 Brandon Bryant (So.)	30 Patrick Benoist (So.)
CB 5 Myron Lewis (So.)	20 Jared Fagan (Jr.)
CB 16 D.J. Moore (So.)	14 Josh Allen (Jr.)
SS 33 Reshard Langford (Jr.)	41 Brent Trice (So.)
FS 2 Ryan Hamilton (So.)	29 Joel Caldwell (So.)

Special Teams

K 8 Bryant Hahnfeldt (Jr.)	KR 10 Earl Bennett (Jr.)
P 39 Brett Upson (So.)	PR 10 Earl Bennett (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chris Nickson, 292-160-2,085-13, 15 TDs
Rushing: Chris Nickson, 146 car., 694 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Earl Bennett, 82 rec., 1,146 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Jonathan Goff, 93, 67 solo
Sacks: Curtis Gatewood, 7
Interceptions: Darlron Speed, 3 for 27 yds.; Reshard Langford, 3 for 58 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Richmond	W
S. 8 Alabama	L
S. 15 Ole Miss	W
S. 29 Eastern Michigan	W
O. 6 at Auburn	L
O. 13 Georgia	L
O. 20 at South Carolina	L
O. 27 Miami (Ohio)	W
N. 3 at Florida	L
N. 10 Kentucky	*
N. 17 at Tennessee	L
N. 24 Wake Forest	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Michigan	L	7–27
S. 9 at Alabama	L	10–13
S. 16 Arkansas	L	19–21
S. 23 Tennessee State	W	38–9
S. 30 Temple	W	43–14
O. 7 at Ole Miss	L	10–17
O. 14 at Georgia	W	24–22
O. 21 South Carolina	L	13–31
O. 28 at Duke	W	45–28
N. 4 Florida	L	19–25
N. 11 at Kentucky	L	26–38
N. 18 Tennessee	L	10–39

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.0 ppg	73
Rushing	149.6 ypg	45
Passing	201.4 ypg	55
Total	351.0 ypg	52
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.7 ppg	65
Rushing	156.0 ypg	91
Passing	196.4 ypg	51
Total	352.4 ypg	74
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-2	-0.17	74

Head Coach: Bobby Johnson

2006 Record (SEC): 4–8 (1–7)



KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

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Offense If Kansas State sophomore quarterback Josh Freeman plays like the player who coach Ron Prince thinks he resembles, the Wildcats should be just fine.

Since his starting signal-caller stands at 6'6" and weighs around 255 pounds, it's no wonder Prince is making physical comparisons between Freeman and former LSU standout JaMarcus Russell.

One of only two true freshmen to lead his team to a bowl game in 2006, Freeman threw for 1,780 yards and six touchdowns. But it's the 15 interceptions that he needs to reduce. Freeman is up for the challenge.

"I'm stronger and I'm faster," says Freeman. "I have to get better for us to be better."

Freeman will hand it off to running backs James Johnson and speed threat Leon Patton. When he airs it out, receiver Jordy Nelson will be a prime target. Nelson was slowed by injuries last season and was so upset by it that he quit talking to the media the last five games. Now a senior, Nelson shined as a sophomore when he led K-State with 45 receptions for 669 yards. His numbers slipped to 39 catches for 547 yards in 2006.

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K-State has four new full-time coaches this season. One of them is defensive backs coach Greg Burns, who in the same job from 2002-05 helped to make USC a powerhouse again.

The real question mark, however, is the line, which must get up to speed quickly. It wouldn't be hard to argue that this has been the weak link since 2004. No wonder K-State signed six linemen.

Defense Goodbye, 4-3. Hello, 3-4 scheme. The Wildcats wanted to shift philosophy on defense in order to take on the growing number of spread offenses.

A key change will be All-Big 12 defensive end Ian Campbell, who is expected to see more time at linebacker in the new 3-4 scheme. He'll likely join key recruit Chris Patterson there; Patterson comes in as one of the top 25 junior college players in the country.

But the heart and soul on this defense is senior safety Marcus Watts, who missed the final four games of the regular season due to injury. He also is a key member on special teams. One of the Wildcats' most heralded newcomers is safety Gary Chandler, ranked among the top 10 junior college players by at least one recruiting service.

Specialists Lots of changes on special teams with the departures of star return specialist Yamon Figurs and kicker Jeff Snodgrass. Brooks Rossman, a transfer from Ohio University, is the frontrunner for placekicking duties, while the kick return chores could come down to a committee. Patton returned a kickoff 95 yards for a score against Oklahoma State a year ago and will be in the mix.

Final Analysis Kansas State has put all its hopes and dreams on the broad shoulders of Freeman. He must stay healthy or it could be a very long season.

Freeman's health could depend on a line that showed late it has hope. It'd be nice if the Wildcats could be more in ball-control mode. They were dead last in the Big 12 in time of possession (27:31) last season.

The new defensive alignment should give stars like Campbell and Watts a license to roam. The key for earning another bowl trip could depend on stealing one on the road. That means going to a place like Texas, Oklahoma State or Nebraska and pulling off an upset.

But if this team has any close games late in the fourth quarter, it'll be nail-biting time, because the Wildcats are breaking in fairly inexperienced placekickers, and that could make for some tense moments.



Josh Freeman

Offense (7)

WR 27 Jordy Nelson (Sr.)	88 Cedric Wilson (Jr.)
WR 83 Daniel Gonzalez (Sr.)	Ernie Pierce (Jr.)
LT 78 Alesana Alesana (Jr.)	64 Nick Stringer (So.)
LG 71 Derek Meyer (So.)	69 Caleb Handy (Jr.)
C 79 Jordan Bedore (Jr.)	54 Trevor Viers (So.)
RG Eldridge Sims (Jr.)	65 Logan Robinson (Sr.)
RT Ben Liu (Jr.)	76 Brock Unruh (So.)
TE 82 Michael Poochke (Sr.)	89 Rashaad Norwood (Sr.)
TE 85 Jeron Mastrud (So.)	80 Brett Alstatt (Jr.)
QB 1 Josh Freeman (So.)	14 Carson Coffman (Fr.)
RB 8 James Johnson (Sr.)	9 Leon Patton (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 95 Rob Jackson (Sr.)	92 Brandon Balkcom (Jr.)
NT 50 Alphonso Moran (Jr.)	Michael Abana (Jr.)
DE 96 Moses Manu (Sr.)	48 Pete Yemm (Jr.)
LB 98 Ian Campbell (Jr.)	43 Antwon Moore (Jr.)
LB 53 Reggie Walker (Jr.)	51 Justin Roland (Sr.)
LB Chris Patterson (Jr.)	37 Marcus Perry (Sr.)
LB 90 Eric Childs (So.)	44 Davyon McGhee (Fr.)
CB 3 Bryan Baldwin (Sr.)	6 Byron Garvin (Sr.)
CB 22 Justin McKinney (Sr.)	4 Joshua Moore (So.)
SS 2 Marcus Watts (Sr.)	15 Kevin Hollis (So.)
FS 21 Gary Chandler (Jr.)	36 Andrew Erker (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 16 Brooks Rossman (Jr.)	KR 9 Leon Patton (So.)
P 17 Tim Reyer (Sr.)	PR 88 Cedric Wilson (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Josh Freeman, 270-140-1,780-15, 6 TDs

Rushing: Leon Patton, 108 car., 609 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Jordy Nelson, 39 rec., 547 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Ian Campbell, 67, 42 solo

Sacks: Ian Campbell, 11.5

Interceptions: Marcus Watts, 3 for 68 yds

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Auburn	L
S. 8 San Jose State	W
S. 15 Missouri State	W
S. 29 at Texas	L
O. 6 Kansas	W
O. 13 Colorado	W
O. 20 at Oklahoma State	L
O. 27 Baylor	W
N. 3 at Iowa State	W
N. 10 at Nebraska	L
N. 17 Missouri	L
N. 24 at Fresno State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Illinois State	W 24-23
S. 9 Florida Atlantic	W 45-0
S. 16 Marshall	W 23-7
S. 23 Louisville	L 6-24
S. 30 at Baylor	L 3-17
O. 7 Oklahoma State	W 31-27
O. 14 Nebraska	L 3-21
O. 21 at Missouri	L 21-41
O. 28 Iowa State	W 31-10
N. 4 at Colorado	W 34-21
N. 11 Texas	W 45-42
N. 18 at Kansas	L 20-39
D. 28 #Rutgers	L 10-37

#Texas Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	69
Rushing	115.2 ypg	86
Passing	200.1 ypg	57
Total	315.2 ypg	85
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.8 ppg	66
Rushing	148.6 ypg	78
Passing	197.0 ypg	53
Total	345.6 ypg	70
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.31	80

Head Coach: Ron Prince

2006 Record (Big 12): 7-6 (4-4)



Offense Brett Ratliff went 10-5 as Utah's starting quarterback after Brian Johnson was injured late in the 2005 season. Johnson was 5-5 as a starter until that point. Yet the Utes believe their quarterbacking will be upgraded with the return of Johnson, who had not previously redshirted and may have benefited from watching last season from the sideline. Johnson is a dynamic player who was recruited to run Urban Meyer's spread offense. Utah has kept most of that scheme.

Starting tailback Darryl Poston rushed for only 3.8 yards per carry in gaining 553 yards, so the Utes definitely need improvement in the backfield. That could come from Poston, who missed part of spring drills with a broken foot, or junior college transfer Matt Asiata, who rushed for 1,365 yards on 6.3 yards per carry last season at Snow College in Utah.

Utah's receivers are a well-rounded group, led by Derrek Richards. Although Brian Hernandez has contended with injuries throughout his career, he is a tough, dependable player.

The Utes should have a solid, capable line despite losing All-MWC tackle Tavo Tupola. They are particularly strong on the right side with guard Robert Conley and tackle Jason Boone — two strong, athletic players.

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Over eight seasons, with three different coaches, the Utes have won six consecutive bowl games.

Defense Originally a defensive back, Martail Burnett has grown into a highly productive lineman. At 6'3" and 262 pounds, he now has the size to complement his speed as an end, helping him record 10.5 tackles for a loss in 2006. Burnett will have to be the playmaker of a front four that lost nose guards Paul Soliai and Kelly Talavou.

The Utes always have active, aggressive linebackers. The leader in the middle is Joe Jiannoni, who missed two games last season but still ranked second on the team with 92 tackles, including four sacks.

The Utes took a big hit on both sides of the ball with the loss of Eric Weddle, a consensus All-American who basically played out of position as a cornerback to help the team. Cornerback Brice McCain will become the leader of the secondary in Weddle's absence. "He has no other choice," defensive coordinator Gary Andersen says. Senior free safety Steve Tate will continue to have a big role after leading the Utes with 102 tackles, including 8.5 tackles for a loss.

Junior college help is needed from as many as four players, because the Utes ranked seventh in the conference in pass defense, allowing 215.7 yards per game.

Specialists Coach Kyle Whittingham continually raved about Louie Sakoda's punting as he averaged 44.0 yards and placed 30 of his 59 kicks inside the 20-yard line. He was equally dependable as a field goal kicker, making 16-of-20 attempts. Sakoda kicked a game-winning 37-yarder on the final play at Air Force and made all four attempts in an Armed Forces Bowl win over Tulsa, including a career-best 45-yarder.

Final Analysis The Utes' biggest challenge in 2007 is to start the year the way they have finished in Whittingham's first two seasons. Whittingham is 8-2 over the last five weeks of each season but only 7-8 up until that point. The pattern could continue this year, with Oregon State, UCLA and Louisville booked among the first six opponents. But if Johnson is sharp from the start and a young defense plays adequately, Utah could pick off a win or two against those tough teams and be on its way, because the other three games in the first half of the season — against Air Force, UNLV and Utah State — are probable wins.



Brian Johnson

Offense (9)

WR 26 Derrek Richards (Sr.)	88 Freddie Brown (Jr.)
WR 5 Brent Casteel (Jr.)	2 Marquis Wilson (Jr.)
WR 16 Brian Hernandez (Jr.)	81 Bradon Godfrey (Jr.)
LT 65 Dustin Hensel (Jr.)	71 Walter Watts (Fr.)
LG 68 Zane Beadles (So.)	72 Caleb Schlauderaff (Fr.)
C 63 Kyle Gunther (Sr.)	57 Tyler Williams (So.)
RG 66 Robert Conley (Jr.)	77 Zane Taylor (Fr.)
RT 68 Jason Boone (Sr.)	65 Dustin Hensel (Jr.)
TE 48 Matt Sims (Sr.)	89 Colt Sampson (Jr.)
QB 3 Brian Johnson (Jr.)	15 Tommy Grady (Sr.)
RB 9 Darryl Poston (Sr.)	Matt Asiata (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 93 Martail Burnett (Sr.)	13 Alex Puccinelli (Sr.)
DT 92 Kenape Eliapo (So.)	99 Zeke Tuinei-Wily (So.)
NG 94 Gabe Long (Sr.)	91 Casey Sutura (Sr.)
DE 56 Greg Newman (Jr.)	41 Koa Misi (So.)
SLB 22 Malakai Mokofisi (Sr.)	14 Kyle Brady (Sr.)
MLB 44 Joe Jiannoni (Sr.)	49 Mike Wright (So.)
RLB 10 Sylvester Stevenson (So.)	19 Matt Martinez (Fr.)
CB 4 Sean Smith (So.)	21 Damiyn Tanner (Jr.)
CB 1 Brice McCain (Jr.)	Josh Broughton (Jr.)
SS 43 Joe Dale (So.)	31 DeShawn Richard (Jr.)
FS 28 Steve Tate (Sr.)	17 Robert Johnson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 35 Louie Sakoda (Jr.)	KR 1 Brice McCain (Jr.)
P 35 Louie Sakoda (Jr.)	PR 16 Brian Hernandez (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tommy Grady, 14-7-102-3, 1 TD
Rushing: Darryl Poston, 145 car., 553 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Derrek Richards, 60 rec., 717 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Steve Tate, 102, 58 solo
Sacks: Martail Burnett, 5.5
Interceptions: Six players tied with 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 at Oregon State	L
S. 8 Air Force	W
S. 15 UCLA	L
S. 22 at UNLV	W
S. 29 Utah State	W
O. 5 at Louisville	L
O. 13 San Diego State	W
O. 18 at TCU	L
O. 27 at Colorado State	W
N. 10 Wyoming	W
N. 17 New Mexico	W
N. 24 at BYU	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at UCLA	L 10-31
S. 9 Northern Arizona	W 45-7
S. 16 at Utah State	W 48-0
S. 23 at San Diego State	W 38-7
S. 30 Boise State	L 3-36
O. 5 TCU	W 20-7
O. 14 at Wyoming	L 15-31
O. 19 at New Mexico	L 31-34
O. 28 UNLV	W 45-23
N. 11 Colorado State	W 35-22
N. 18 at Air Force	W 17-14
N. 25 BYU	L 31-33
D. 23 #Tulsa	W 25-13

#Armed Forces Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	33
Rushing	140.5 ypg	54
Passing	227.9 ypg	34
Total	368.4 ypg	41
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	37
Rushing	106.5 ypg	22
Passing	215.7 ypg	80
Total	322.2 ypg	43
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	21



NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

NATIONAL FORECAST

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Offense Paul Johnson has led Navy to four consecutive bowl games with four different quarterbacks. That streak should end if Navy reaches a fifth straight bowl game, because Johnson finally has a returning starter in Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, who took over for the injured Brian Hampton in mid-October. The Hawaii native exhibits good poise and effectively runs the option, which is a necessity in Johnson's system.

Navy replaces three offensive linemen but should still move the ball because it returns several capable rushers from an offense that led the nation in rushing. Fullback Adam Ballard, who led the team in rushing yards and carries, will be pushed by Eric Kettani, a physical specimen who is difficult to tackle because he runs low to the ground.

At slot back, Navy has three options. Shun White is one of Navy's fastest players. Zerbin Singleton is one of the best blockers on the team. And Reggie Campbell is a dynamic playmaker who has averaged 22.6 yards per catch and 7.5 yards per carry in his career. Navy will be hard-pressed to fill the void left by the departure of four-year starting receiver Jason Tomlinson, but Tyree Barnes could fill the role.

327 Navy led the nation in rushing by averaging 327 yards on the ground per game, which was a school record.

Defense Navy's goal in preseason camp is to find 11 capable bodies to fill out the defense, which lost nine starters. The Midshipmen do not have a single player with significant experience on the line. Senior end Casey Hebert is probably the most seasoned after appearing in seven games the past two seasons. At nose guard, Nate Frazier represents one of Navy's better defensive line prospects of the past few years.

Navy will have its hands full trying to duplicate the performances of David Mahoney and Tyler Tidwell at outside linebacker. Both have departed. Matt Wimsatt and Matt Humiston are the only returning outside linebackers with decent experience. Inside linebacker could be a little more solid with the return of Clint Sovie, a fast player who started nine games last season.

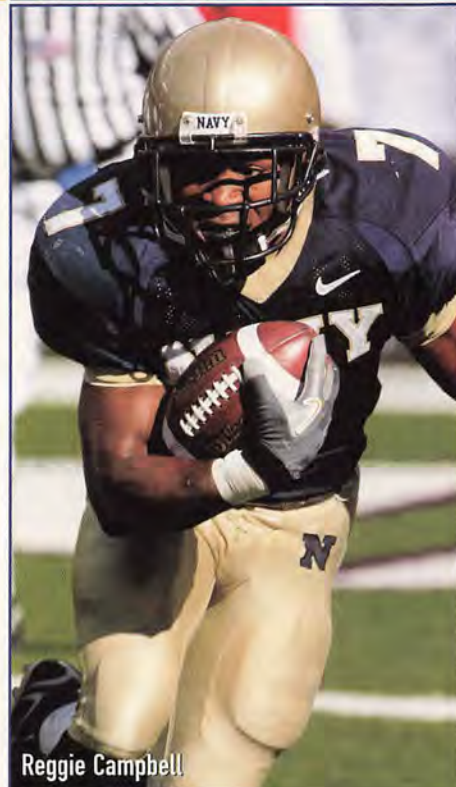
One of the challenges in the secondary is trying to replace veteran Keenan Little, who started 25 consecutive games at cornerback. Navy's lone returning starter in the secondary is cornerback Rashawn King.

Specialists Navy needs improvement in net punting, where the Midshipmen ranked 98th nationally. They also would like to improve significantly in kickoff returns (116th last year). Campbell should be particularly dangerous on punt returns. He has been a sprinter on the track team and is one of the more explosive players at Navy in recent memory.

Final Analysis The Midshipmen won a school-record fourth consecutive Commander-In-Chief's Trophy last season as their senior class became the first in school history to play in four straight bowl games. This year's senior class will look to become the first in school history to graduate with three bowl victories, but it won't be easy for the Midshipmen to continue setting precedents after losing 35 lettermen.

The Midshipmen do return many of their skill players, including Kaheaku-Enhada, who should be able to generate enough offense even if the inexperienced defense takes time to settle in. Johnson also has more pure athletes than he has had in recent memory.

Navy has already committed to play in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl if the Midshipmen can win at least six games. Johnson acknowledges that is a big "if," especially with a schedule that includes Rutgers and Wake Forest, two of last season's most surprising teams.



Reggie Campbell

Offense (8)

WR 80 O.J. Washington (Sr.)	24 Greg Sudderth (Sr.)
WR 89 Tyree Barnes (Jr.)	86 Curtis Sharp (Jr.)
LT 53 Josh Meek (Sr.)	66 Paul Bridgers (Sr.)
LG 72 Anthony Gaskins (Jr.)	73 Chad Peterson (Jr.)
C 63 Antron Harper (Sr.)	71 Reyn Kaupiko (Sr.)
RG 74 Ben Gabbard (Sr.)	52 Curtis Bass (So.)
RT 75 Andrew McGinn (Jr.)	64 Mike Von Bergen (Jr.)
QB 10 K-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada (Jr.)	2 Jarod Bryant (Jr.)
FB 22 Adam Ballard (Sr.)	36 Eric Kettani (Jr.)
SB 7 Reggie Campbell (Sr.)	29 Greg Shinejo (Jr.)
SB 28 Zerbin Singleton (Sr.)	26 Shun White (Jr.)

Defense (2)

DE 92 Chris Kuhar-Pitters (Sr.)	38 Michael Walsh (Jr.)
NG 99 Nate Frazier (So.)	77 John Maddox (Jr.)
DE 93 Casey Hebert (Sr.)	83 Will Scarle (Jr.)
OLB 9 Matt Humiston (Sr.)	6 Dell Robinson (Sr.)
ILB 44 Clint Sovie (Jr.)	22 Tony Haberer (So.)
ILB 55 Irv Spencer (Sr.)	58 Jon Alvarado (Sr.)
OLB 54 Matt Wimsatt (Sr.)	52 Jordan Eddington (So.)
CB 18 Rashawn King (Jr.)	47 Jordan Reagan (Jr.)
CB 1 Blake Carter (So.)	7 Jesse Iwuji (So.)
ROV 11 Ketric Buffin (Jr.)	1 Blake Carter (So.)
FS 17 Jeff Deliz (Sr.)	7 Jesse Iwuji (So.)

Special Teams

K 90 Matt Harmon (Jr.)	KR 7 Reggie Campbell (Sr.)
P 31 Greg Vetoito (Sr.)	PR 7 Reggie Campbell (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, 48-23-384-1, 5 TDs
Rushing: Adam Ballard, 154 car., 792 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Reggie Campbell, 13 rec., 244 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Clint Sovie, 61, 23 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 1
Interceptions: Clint Sovie, 2 for 17 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 31 at Temple	W
S. 7 at Rutgers	L
S. 15 Ball State	W
S. 22 Duke	W
S. 29 Air Force	W
O. 13 at Pittsburgh	*
O. 20 Wake Forest	L
O. 27 Delaware	W
N. 3 at Notre Dame	L
N. 10 at North Texas	W
N. 17 Northern Illinois	W
D. 1 #Army	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 East Carolina	W 28-23
S. 9 Massachusetts	W 21-20
S. 16 at Stanford	W 37-9
S. 23 Tulsa	(ot) L 23-24
S. 30 at Connecticut	W 41-17
O. 7 at Air Force	W 24-17
O. 14 Rutgers	L 0-34
O. 28 Notre Dame	L 14-38
N. 4 at Duke	W 38-13
N. 11 at Eastern Michigan	W 49-21
N. 18 Temple	W 42-6
D. 2 Army	W 26-14
D. 30 #Boston College	L 24-25

#Meineke Car Care Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.2 ppg	32
Rushing	327.0 ypg	1
Passing	56.0 ypg	119
Total	383.0 ypg	28
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.1 ppg	41
Rushing	116.7 ypg	38
Passing	218.5 ypg	85
Total	335.2 ypg	61
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: Paul Johnson

2006 Record: 9-4



TEXAS TECH

RED RAIDERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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Offense In his first year as a starting quarterback, Graham Harrell passed for 4,555 yards and 38 touchdowns. Those are impressive career numbers for some quarterbacks, but for Tech coach Mike Leach it merely represented a solid beginning. Harrell vows to be better as a junior, and there's little doubt that he will be improved. While he had a few shaky moments in '06, Harrell finished with a flurry, passing for 519 yards against Texas and for 445 yards in the comeback win over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl.

Running back Shannon Woods also had an impressive sophomore season with 926 rushing yards and 1,808 all-purpose yards. Woods combines excellent speed and surprising power, but he landed in Leach's doghouse. At the end of spring practices, Leach relegated Woods to third-team on the depth chart, behind Kobey Lewis and walk-on Ryan Hayes. But Leach was also displeased with Woods' spring performance in '06, before he burst onto the Big 12 scene in the fall. The same thing could happen again this season.

Tech must replace its top two receivers, but the Raiders return an explosive, proven performer in senior Danny Amendola. Juniors L.A. Reed and Eric Morris have been solid in previous backup roles, while redshirt freshman Mike Crabtree could emerge as a star.

Defense Tech's defensive front features plenty of questions. Sack specialist Keyunta Dawson is gone; so are three proven tackles. Jake Ratliff, Tyler Yenser and Brandon Williams are solid players on the ends but lack Dawson's explosiveness. Sophomore nose tackle Rajon Henley performed well in the spring, but the tackle positions are a concern.

After being granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA, athletic strong-side linebacker Kellen Tillman is the only returning starting among the linebacker corps.

While the front seven is filled with unproven players, Tech's secondary returns three of four starters from a unit that helped the Raiders lead the Big 12 (182.4 passing yards per game). Hard-hitting strong safety Joe Garcia (87 tackles last year) anchors the veteran-laden secondary, while free safety Darcel McBath is also a proven playmaker, picking off three passes last season.

Specialists Kicker Alex Trlica is remarkably consistent inside 40 yards (13-of-16 and 51-of-51 on PATs). Amendola is an explosive return specialist who has a career average of better than 10 yards per punt return. The main concern is at punter, where Tech is hoping that true freshman Jonathan LaCour can take over where Alex Reyes left off.



Graham Harrell

4,803

Texas Tech threw for 4,803 yards last year. But it wasn't enough to lead the nation, as Hawaii threw for 6,178 yards, relegating the Raiders to second nationally.

Only one starter (left guard Louis Vasquez) returns from an offensive line that allowed only one sack every 37 pass attempts last year. With the unit's lack of experience, opponents will likely test it with a variety of blitzes.

Final Analysis Even with a number of holes to fill on offense, Tech is not likely to have many problems moving the football. That's what the Red Raiders do. Harrell may be capable of being the best quarterback ever to orchestrate Tech's prolific passing attack, and expect Woods to work his way out of the doghouse.

Tech should be salty defending the pass as well. The problem is that with an inexperienced front seven, the Raiders may not be able to stop many of their tougher opponents. Nevertheless, Tech should pile up enough points to become bowl-eligible for the 15th straight time, but contending for a conference crown is too tall of a task.

Offense (4)

WR	86 L.A. Reed (Jr.)	27 Edward Britton (So.)
WR	5 Mike Crabtree (Fr.)	Lyle Leong (Fr.)
IR	12 Eric Morris (Jr.)	85 Kelly Hildebrandt (Sr.)
IR	20 Danny Amendola (Sr.)	19 Grant Walker (Sr.)
LT	67 Marlon Winn (So.)	77 Chris Olson (Fr.)
LG	65 Louis Vasquez (Jr.)	77 Chris Olson (Fr.)
C	64 Shawn Byrnes (So.)	Justin Keown (Fr.)
RG	71 Stephen Hamby (Jr.)	60 Brandon Carter (So.)
RT	74 Rylan Reed (Jr.)	61 Andrew Johnson (So.)
QB	6 Graham Harrell (Jr.)	15 Taylor Potts (Fr.)
RB	2 Shannon Woods (Jr.)	21 Kobey Lewis (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	98 Jake Ratliff (Jr.)	89 Tyler Yenser (Sr.)
NT	91 Rajon Henley (So.)	90 Brian Jones (So.)
DT	97 Richard Jones (So.)	86 Clint Stoffels (Fr.)
DE	84 Brandon Williams (So.)	89 Tyler Yenser (Sr.)
SLB	56 Kellen Tillman (Sr.)	59 Ty Linder (Sr.)
MLB	48 Paul Williams (Sr.)	52 Victor Hunter (So.)
WLB	54 Chad Hill (Sr.)	39 Marlon Williams (So.)
CB	3 Jamar Wall (So.)	De'Shon Sanders (Jr.)
CB	17 Chris Parker (Sr.)	1 Marcus Bunton (Jr.)
SS	49 Joe Garcia (Sr.)	24 Lance Fuller (Jr.)
FS	7 Darcel McBath (Jr.)	23 Anthony Hines (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	30 Alex Trlica (Sr.)	KR	86 L.A. Reed (Jr.)
P	Jonathan LaCour (Fr.)	PR	20 Danny Amendola (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Graham Harrell, 617-412-4,555-11, 38 TDs

Rushing: Shannon Woods, 152 car., 926 yds., 10 TDs

Receiving: Shannon Woods, 75 rec., 572 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Joe Garcia, 87, 49 solo

Sacks: Jake Ratliff, 3.5

Interceptions: Darcel McBath, 3 for 66 yds.

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Layne Murdoch

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 3	at SMU	W
S. 8	UTEP	W
S. 15	at Rice	W
S. 22	at Oklahoma State	L
S. 29	Northwestern State	W
O. 6	Iowa State	W
O. 13	Texas A&M	L
O. 20	at Missouri	L
O. 27	Colorado	W
N. 3	at Baylor	W
N. 10	at Texas	L
N. 17	Oklahoma	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	SMU	W	35-3
S. 9	at UTEP	(ot) W	38-35
S. 16	at TCU	L	3-12
S. 23	SE Louisiana	W	62-0
S. 30	at Texas A&M	W	31-27
O. 7	Missouri	L	21-38
O. 14	at Colorado	L	6-30
O. 21	at Iowa State	W	42-26
O. 28	Texas	L	31-35
N. 4	Baylor	W	55-21
N. 11	at Oklahoma	L	24-34
N. 18	Oklahoma State	W	30-24
D. 29	#Minnesota	(ot) W	44-41

#Insight Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.5 ppg	13
Rushing	78.4 ypg	112
Passing	369.5 ypg	3
Total	447.9 ypg	6
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.1 ppg	76
Rushing	151.1 ypg	86
Passing	182.4 ypg	32
Total	333.5 ypg	58
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
	0.00	58

Head Coach: Mike Leach

2006 Record (Big 12): 8-5 (4-4)



MARYLAND TERRAPINS

NATIONAL FORECAST
ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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Offense How Maryland fills the void left by two-year starting quarterback Sam Hollenbach is the biggest question facing the Terrapins this season. It is a familiar situation for head coach Ralph Friedgen, who is replacing a starting signal-caller for the fifth time in the past seven years.

While he has intriguing options in Jordan Steffy and Josh Portis, neither has thrown a touchdown pass in a college game. Friedgen declared Steffy the frontrunner because he has been in the system three years and is familiar with the complex playbook. The 6'1" Steffy is stable and knows he is not expected to perform the miraculous. On the other hand, the athletic Portis, a transfer from Florida, is a dynamic talent who could have more long-term potential.

With Lance Ball and Keon Lattimore, two players who combined for more than 1,500 rushing yards, Maryland has one of the nation's stronger backfield duos. Having three returning linemen will help, but there is little depth. Friedgen could use another wide receiver to emerge, but he has a promising playmaker in Darrius Heyward-Bey, the ACC's third-leading returning receiver.

1.54

Maryland's defense averaged only 1.54 sacks per game, a number that ranked

94th in the nation.

Defense The biggest hole defensively is at middle linebacker after starter Wesley Jefferson, the team's second-leading tackler, decided to forgo his final year of eligibility to become a state trooper. The anchor of the entire defense should be weak-side linebacker Erin Henderson, who seems on the verge of becoming one of the nation's better linebackers. In ACC games, Henderson led the conference in tackles in just his first full season of action.

Maryland likes its defensive line, especially athletic tackle Dre Moore, who has posted the third-highest strength index on the team. The line, however, will need to do a better job helping to stop the run. The Terrapins ranked 96th nationally last season against the run, allowing 162.9 yards on the ground per game. The Terrapins have depth and athleticism in the secondary, but it won't be easy to make up for the loss of cornerback Josh Wilson, who was an impact player and also a galvanizing force in the locker room.

Specialists Punter Adam Podlesh, a two-time semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award, had been a model of consistency. Placekicker Dan Ennis also was a reliable performer. Both are gone, leaving the coach with no player on the roster who has punted or placekicked during a college game.

Final Analysis Much of Friedgen's success during his career stems from his ability to develop quarterbacks. This season, the Terrapins have enough talented skill position players to be productive offensively if they can find a stable first-year starter. Whether Friedgen finds one — and is able to stick with one — will go a long way in determining whether the Terrapins can match last year's success during a resurgent nine-win season.

Steffy has not seen significant action since his freshman season in 2004. Most around the program contend that Portis is a budding star, but only in time. Don't be surprised if the competition between the two rages until shortly before Maryland's season-opener against Villanova.

Defensively, middle linebacker is a legitimate concern, but Friedgen likes both the depth and speed he has throughout the defense. What could ultimately prove almost as critical as quarterback play is the performance by several newcomers on special teams. The effect of losing an established placekicker and punter cannot be overstated.



Darrius Heyward-Bey

Offense (7)

WR	84	Isaiah Williams (Jr.)	82	Nolan Carroll (So.)
WR	8	Darrius Heyward-Bey (So.)	87	Kevin Gresham (Jr.)
LT	78	Jared Gaither (Jr.)	77	Scott Burley (Sr.)
LG	76	Jaimie Thomas (Jr.)	64	Evan Eastburn (Fr.)
C	60	Edwin Williams (Jr.)	72	Phil Costa (So.)
RG	63	Andrew Crummey (Sr.)	61	Lee Oliver (Jr.)
RT	75	Dane Randolph (Jr.)	67	Jack Griffin (Sr.)
TE	80	Joey Haynos (Sr.)	13	Dan Gronkowski (Jr.)
QB	19	Jordan Steffy (Jr.)	12	Josh Portis (So.)
FB	38	Cory Jackson (So.)	46	Steven Pfister (So.)
TB	44	Lance Ball (Sr.)	21	Keon Lattimore (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	40	Jeremy Navarre (Jr.)	91	Mack Frost (Jr.)
DT	68	Carlos Feliciano (Sr.)	90	Travis Ivey (So.)
DT	92	Dre Moore (Sr.)	98	Omarr Savage (Sr.)
LEO	55	Trey Covington (Jr.)	51	Brian Whitmore (Fr.)
SLB	34	Dave Phillistin (Jr.)	58	Adrian Moten (Fr.)
MLB	42	Chase Bullock (Jr.)	59	Alex Wujciak (Fr.)
WLB	1	Erin Henderson (Jr.)	48	Moise Fokou (Jr.)
CB	5	Isaiah Gardner (Sr.)	25	Colin Nelson (Sr.)
CB	2	Kevin Barnes (Jr.)	9	Richard Taylor (Jr.)
SS	3	Christian Varner (Sr.)	29	Jeff Allen (Jr.)
FS	30	J.J. Justice (Sr.)	10	Terrell Skinner (So.)

Special Teams

K	39	Obi Ekekeze (Jr.)	KR	23	Da'Rel Scott (Fr.)
P	49	Chris Roberts (Jr.)	PR	17	Danny Oquendo (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jordan Steffy, 5-0-0-1, 0 TDs
Rushing: Lance Ball, 174 car, 815 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Darrius Heyward-Bey, 45 rec., 694 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Erin Henderson, 114, 54 solo
Sacks: Dre Moore, 3.5; Jeremy Navarre, 3.5
Interceptions: Erin Henderson 2; J.J. Justice, 2

Bruce Schwartzman

2007 SCHEDULE

S.	1	Villanova	W
S.	8	at FIU	W
S.	13	West Virginia	L
S.	22	at Wake Forest	L
S.	29	at Rutgers	L
O.	6	Georgia Tech	L
O.	20	Virginia	*
O.	27	Clemson	*
N.	3	at North Carolina	W
N.	10	Boston College	L
N.	17	at Florida State	L
N.	24	at NC State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S.	2	William & Mary	W	27-14
S.	9	Middle Tennessee	W	24-10
S.	14	at West Virginia	L	24-45
S.	23	FIU	W	14-10
O.	7	at Georgia Tech	L	23-27
O.	14	at Virginia	W	28-26
O.	21	NC State	W	26-20
O.	28	Florida State	W	27-24
N.	4	at Clemson	W	13-12
N.	11	Miami	W	14-13
N.	18	at Boston College	L	16-38
N.	25	Wake Forest	L	24-38
D.	29	#Purdue	W	24-7
		#Florida Citrus Bowl		

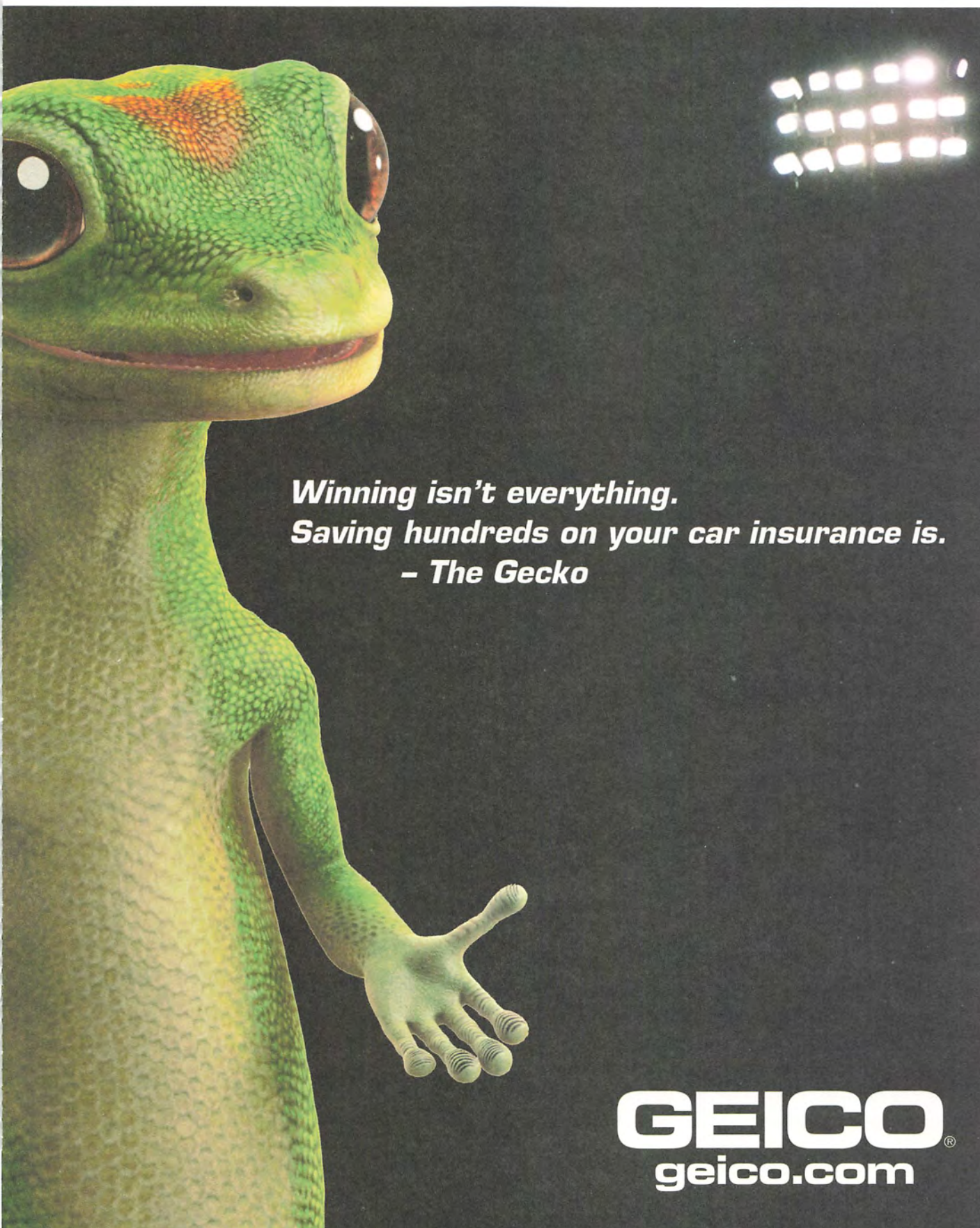
2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	74
Rushing	130.2 ypg	61
Passing	183.1 ypg	80
Total	313.3 ypg	88
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	51
Rushing	162.9 ypg	96
Passing	197.7 ypg	55
Total	360.6 ypg	84
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.46	90

Head Coach: Ralph Friedgen

2006 Record (ACC): 9-4 (5-3)

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CLEMSON TIGERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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Offense The offense lost its spark over the second half of last season largely because quarterback Will Proctor couldn't keep defenses honest with his arm, and the Tigers' production this year will largely depend on whether his replacement can improve on those deficiencies. Cullen Harper finally gets his chance. He was impressive during spring practice, fighting off a challenge from incoming freshman Willy Korn and solidifying his grip on the job. Harper has a stronger arm than Proctor and thus a better ability to connect on deep balls. And his willingness to be patient in the pocket is another upgrade over a guy who tended to bolt too early.

The Tigers are supremely talented at tailback with James Davis and C.J. Spiller, but there are depth issues behind them after the graduation of Reggie Merriweather and transfer of Demerick Chancellor.

Questions exist on the offensive line, which lost four starters. But the return of senior left tackle Barry Richardson is big for a unit that has some experience.

A go-to receiver needs to emerge after the departure of Chansi Stuckey, and junior Aaron Kelly heads into the fall as the most likely candidate for that role.

At linebacker, seniors Tramaine Billie and Nick Watkins needed to get their grades up over the summer to become eligible, and Antonio Clay missed spring practice while back home dealing with personal issues.

The Tigers have upgraded their talent and depth considerably in the defensive backfield, where sophomore cornerbacks Crezdon Butler and Chris Chancellor replace Duane Coleman and C.J. Gaddis. At safety, juniors Michael Hamlin and Chris Clemons return. Coaches are excited about incoming freshman DeAndre McDaniel, who enrolled early and made an instant impact during spring.

Specialists Replacing Jad Dean at kicker is redshirt freshman Richard Jackson, who's talented but struggled with inconsistency during spring practice. Clemson was miserable covering kickoffs last season, and new assistant Andre Powell has been charged with orchestrating dramatic improvement in that area. Clemson has a potent return game with Jacoby Ford and Spiller threatening to break off long runs at any time.

Final Analysis After their four 2005 losses came by a total of 14 points, the Tigers worked hard in the offseason only to fall just short again last season. The big question is whether the close-but-no-cigar message resonates again after a one-point loss to Maryland denied Clemson an ACC Atlantic Division title.

Whether the Tigers are able to finally break through will hinge on how effective the offense can be. Rob Spence's unit rolled up some gaudy statistics last season, but a high-performance engine choked and sputtered when Clemson was losing four of its last five games.

Improvement in the red zone is a must for a team that will be in plenty of close games. If Clemson is able to cash in with touchdowns and develop a potent downfield passing game with Harper at the controls, the Tigers could be a factor in the wide-open ACC Atlantic Division.



James Davis

Offense (3)

WR 80 Aaron Kelly (Jr.)	21 Xavier Dye (Fr.)
WR 5 Rendrick Taylor (Jr.)	6 Jacoby Ford (So.)
WR 13 Tyler Grisham (Jr.)	Markish Jones (Fr.)
LT 79 Barry Richardson (Sr.)	61 Chris Hairston (Fr.)
LG 68 Chris McDuffie (Sr.)	70 Jamarus Grant (So.)
C 71 Barry Humphries (So.)	55 Bobby Hutchinson (Jr.)
RG 65 Thomas Austin (So.)	74 Brandon Pilgrim (Sr.)
RT 67 Christian Capote (Sr.)	76 Cory Lambert (So.)
TE 86 Michael Palmer (So.)	82 Durrell Barry (So.)
QB 10 Cullen Harper (Jr.)	3 Willy Korn (Fr.)
TB 1 James Davis (Jr.)	28 C.J. Spiller (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 94 Phillip Merling (Jr.)	8 Jamie Cumbie (So.)
DT 91 Rashaad Jackson (Jr.)	57 Antwon Murchison (So.)
NG 97 Dorell Scott (Jr.)	50 Jock McKissic (Jr.)
BAN 7 Ricky Sapp (So.)	98 Kwam Williams (Sr.)
SLB 20 Tramaine Billie (Sr.)	48 Jeremy Campbell (So.)
MLB 43 Antonio Clay (Jr.)	45 Cortney Vincent (Jr.)
WLB 32 Nick Watkins (Sr.)	33 Kavell Conner (So.)
CB 18 Crezdon Butler (So.)	Marcus Gilchrist (Fr.)
CB 38 Chris Chancellor (So.)	36 Byron Maxwell (Fr.)
CAT 25 Michael Hamlin (Jr.)	27 Sadat Chambers (So.)
FS 22 Chris Clemons (Jr.)	2 DeAndre McDaniel (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 19 Richard Jackson (Fr.)	KR 6 Jacoby Ford (So.)
P 49 Jimmy Maners (Jr.)	PR 6 Jacoby Ford (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Cullen Harper, 20-14-155-0, 2 TDs
Rushing: James Davis, 203 car., 1,187 yds., 17 TDs
Receiving: Aaron Kelly, 30 rec., 355 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Nick Watkins, 116, 78 solo; Chris Clemons, 102, 61 solo
Sacks: Ricky Sapp, 4
Interceptions: Two players tied with 3
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Clemson has four home games against schools that won 10 or more games in 2006. Those teams are Virginia Tech (10-3), Central Michigan (10-4), Wake Forest (11-3) and Boston College (10-3).

Defense The defense might take a step back after the loss of end Gaines Adams, but there's plenty of talent remaining under defensive coordinator Vic Koenning. Sophomore Ricky Sapp replaces Adams at the "bandit" end position, and coaches think he can eventually be just as good if he gets more physical.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 3 Florida State	L
S. 8 UL Monroe	W
S. 15 Furman	W
S. 22 at NC State	*
S. 29 at Georgia Tech	L
O. 6 Virginia Tech	L
O. 20 Central Michigan	*
O. 27 at Maryland	*
N. 3 at Duke	W
N. 10 Wake Forest	*
N. 17 Boston College	L
N. 24 at South Carolina	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Florida Atlantic	W 54-6
S. 9 at Boston Coll. (2ot)	L 33-34
S. 16 at Florida State	W 27-20
S. 23 North Carolina	W 52-7
S. 30 Louisiana Tech	W 51-0
O. 7 at Wake Forest	W 27-17
O. 12 Temple	W 63-9
O. 21 Georgia Tech	W 31-7
O. 26 at Virginia Tech	L 7-24
N. 4 Maryland	L 12-13
N. 11 NC State	W 20-14
N. 25 South Carolina	L 28-31
D. 29 #Kentucky	L 20-28

#Music City Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.7 ppg	12
Rushing	217.9 ypg	5
Passing	193.1 ypg	67
Total	410.9 ypg	15
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.2 ppg	16
Rushing	103.1 ypg	18
Passing	177.7 ypg	24
Total	280.8 ypg	13
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	46

Head Coach: Tommy Bowden

2006 Record (ACC): 8-5 (5-3)



TULSA

GOLDEN HURRICANE

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

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Offense Senior quarterback Paul Smith is on the verge of becoming TU's all-time passing king. He's accurate and dependable with the football (only 15 interceptions in 714 attempts) and capable of big plays (5,574 yards in two seasons as the starter).

As good as Smith is, and even with a new, no-huddle, hurry-up scheme orchestrated by ex-Arkansas coordinator Gus Malzahn and former West Virginia assistant Herb Hand, the Golden Hurricane offense will go as the running game goes. Senior Courtney Tennial, a former transfer from Oklahoma, ran for 845 yards and 14 TDs last season, and big-play junior Tarrion Adams looks like he's back from last year's injury.

Two trouble spots exist, however: wide receiver and offensive line. Four starters are gone from last year's all-star line, and the replacements have minimal experience. Only right guard Justin Morsey has started, although the Golden Hurricane will have more bulk up front than ever before.

The top three wideouts also departed, and spring practice was spent trying to find consistency among who's left. Transfer Dion Toliver showed the best potential.

that last season led Conference USA in total defense (296.9 yards per game) and pass defense (159.2) and finished second in points allowed.

Senior linebackers Nelson Coleman — the team leader in tackles during the last two years, with 117 tackles in 2005 and 98 in '06 — and Chris Chamberlain (51 tackles last season) are among the conference's best at their position.

Safeties Anthony Germany — a three-year starter who two years ago led the team in tackles for loss — and Steve Craver are big-play specialists. Cornerback Roy Roberts has 18 career starts and four career interceptions.

Up front, nose guards Terrel Nemons and Brandon Jones and end Moton Hopkins have 38 career starts among them, but more depth must be found during preseason camp.

Specialists Kicker Jarod Tracy made 11-of-12 field goals last season, but the Golden Hurricane are looking for help on kickoffs. Punter Paul Jurado averaged 40.5 yards per boot in '06 and was efficient at field-position punts. Charles Davis emerged during spring practice as the team's best return option.

Final Analysis A year after winning the Conference USA championship and the Liberty Bowl, Tulsa started 2006 by winning seven of its first eight and had the C-USA Western Division in its grasp before losing three in a row.

Former coach Steve Kragthorpe led the Golden Hurricane to three bowls in four years, but then bolted for Louisville.

Enter Graham, who coordinated Kragthorpe's defenses for three seasons before spending a year as head coach at Rice, where he led the Owls to their first bowl in 45 years.

Smith and Tennial give Tulsa big-time weapons, but no established playmaking wideouts and a rebuilt line could mean a slow start for the offense. The defense, tops in C-USA last year, will miss four all-stars, but could be better in the long run.



Paul Smith

151 In Tulsa's four regular-season losses in 2006, the defense allowed 151 points, an average of nearly 38 per game. By comparison, it allowed only 86 in its eight wins — just under 11 points per game.

Defense Former defensive coordinator Todd Graham is now head coach, which means the defensive intensity has ramped up. Co-coordinators Paul Randolph and Keith Patterson will retain Graham's 3-3-5 that emphasizes athletes and playmakers.

Six full-time starters are back from a unit

Offense (3)

WR	84 Jesse Meyer (So.)	18 Corey Kizer (Sr.)
WR	15 Dion Toliver (Jr.)	13 Cameron Clemons (Sr.)
WR	16 Nick Henderson (Jr.)	87 Stephen Polk (Fr.)
LT	56 Walter Boyd (Sr.)	59 Tyler Holmes (Fr.)
LG	76 Curt Puckett (So.)	72 Brandon Washington (Fr.)
C	65 Jody Whaley (So.)	61 Travis Wike (So.)
RG	53 Justin Morsey (Jr.)	77 Wade Whitlow (Sr.)
RT	70 Rodrick Thomas (Jr.)	77 Wade Whitlow (Sr.)
TE	30 Ted Curtis (Sr.)	86 Jake Collums (So.)
QB	12 Paul Smith (Sr.)	5 David Johnson (Jr.)
RB	20 Courtney Tennial (Sr.)	25 Tarrion Adams (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	97 Anthony Egbuniwe (So.)	94 Tyler Scarbrough (Fr.)
NG	99 Terrel Nemons (Jr.)	90 Brandon Jones (Sr.)
DE	93 Moton Hopkins (Jr.)	49 Jeph McAlester (Jr.)
SLB	32 Chris Chamberlain (Sr.)	26 Donald Gobert (Fr.)
MLB	55 Nelson Coleman (Sr.)	43 Mike Bryan (So.)
WLB	44 Alain Karatepeyan (Sr.)	40 Tanner Antle (Fr.)
CB	24 Charles Davis (So.)	27 Kenny D. Sims (Fr.)
CB	10 Roy Roberts (Jr.)	21 Terrance Thomas (Sr.)
BAN	6 Steve Craver (Sr.)	46 Ty Page (Jr.)
SS	3 Anthony Germany (Sr.)	38 Jonathan Penelton (So.)
FS	7 Randy Duncan (Jr.)	19 Josh Burris (So.)

Special Teams

K	29 Jarod Tracy (Jr.)	KR	24 Charles Davis (So.)
P	48 Paul Jurado (Jr.)	PR	24 Charles Davis (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Paul Smith, 350-233-2,727-9, 15 TDs
Rushing: Courtney Tennial, 171 car., 845 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Tarrion Adams, 31 rec., 362 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Nelson Coleman, 98, 43 solo
Sacks: Three players tied with 2
Interceptions: Chris Chamberlain, 2 for 38 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Peter Brault

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	at UL Monroe	W
S. 15	BYU	L
S. 21	Oklahoma	L
S. 29	UAB	W
O. 6	at UTEP	W
O. 13	Marshall	W
O. 20	at UCF	*
O. 27	SMU	W
N. 3	at Tulane	W
N. 10	Houston	*
N. 17	at Army	W
N. 24	at Rice	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Stephen F. Austin	W	45-7
S. 9	at BYU	L	24-49
S. 16	North Texas	W	28-3
S. 23	at Navy	(ot) W	24-23
O. 3	Southern Miss	W	20-6
O. 14	at East Carolina	W	31-10
O. 21	at Memphis	W	35-14
O. 27	UTEP	W	30-20
N. 4	at Houston	L	10-27
N. 11	Rice	(2ot) L	38-41
N. 18	at SMU	L	24-34
N. 24	Tulane	W	38-3
D. 23	#Utah	L	13-25

Armed Forces Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.7 ppg	37
Rushing	162.1 ypg	36
Passing	226.5 ypg	38
Total	388.5 ypg	24
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.2 ppg	43
Rushing	137.6 ypg	62
Passing	159.2 ypg	11
Total	296.9 ypg	21
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.38	86

Head Coach: Todd Graham

2006 Record (C-USA): 8-5 (5-3)



CINCINNATI BEARCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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Offense The conservative, run-oriented offense that Cincinnati played under Mark Dantonio will be transformed under new coach Brian Kelly into a wide-open, pass-oriented offense.

The key to its success is whether Wake Forest transfer Ben Mauk can resurrect his once-promising career to provide the Bearcats with the passing threat they've lacked since Gino Guidugli graduated three years ago. If Mauk beats out two-year starter Dustin Grutza, he'll preside over an offense with three steady but not spectacular backs in Greg Moore, Butler Benton and Bradley Glatthaar, who have shared the workload for the past three seasons.

The line has some experience but must learn to adjust to Kelly's new system, which figures to rely more heavily on pass-blocking than the run-blocking techniques they used more frequently in recent years.

Derrick Stewart is a proven commodity at wide receiver and serves as the Bearcats' best deep threat, but with four incoming receivers, a newcomer could make an impact at that position.

3 Cincinnati has had three head coaches in the past five years, beginning with Rick Minter, who was fired in 2003, followed by Mark Dantonio from 2004-06, and now Brian Kelly.

Connor Barwin, who did double duty last year as a forward on the basketball team, should give the Bearcats a quality replacement at tight end for Brent Celek, the school's career receptions leader at that position.

Defense One of the first things that Kelly noticed when he took over the Cincinnati program last December was that the defense was loaded with proven veterans. With eight

starters returning from a unit that ranked 25th nationally last season against the run, the Bearcats should be strong defensively again this season.

Junior tackle Terrill Byrd, who has made 24 straight starts, is a rock up front and will be joined by starting ends Trevor Anderson and Anthony Hoke.

Cincinnati returns starters at outside linebacker with Leo Morgan and Corey Smith, a freshman All-American two years ago.

The secondary is solid, led by senior free safety Haruki Nakamura, a hard hitter who provides outstanding leadership and intelligence. Cornerback Mike Mickens, a second-team All-Big East selection last year, finished eighth nationally in passes defended.

The Bearcats will have to find a replacement for the speedy John Bowie but appear well-positioned there with junior DeAngelo Smith.

Specialists This is the biggest question mark on the team after the departure of kicker Kevin Lovell, punter Brian Steel and long snapper Patrick Farfing. Cincinnati spent the spring auditioning kickers. Jacob Rogers appeared to have the edge kicking field goals and extra points, with Kevin Huber showing the most punting consistency.

Final Analysis Dantonio did not leave the cupboard bare when he departed for Michigan State. The Bearcats have a few holes, but they also have a lot of talent. After facing a grueling non-league schedule last season that included road games at Ohio State and Virginia Tech, Cincinnati will have a much easier time of it this year. Their victory over Rutgers near the end of last season and their close loss at Louisville proved they can compete with the top teams in the Big East.

Their defense should keep them competitive. If Kelly's offense is as flashy as it's made out to be and if Mauk can master it in a hurry, this could be one of Cincinnati's — and the Big East's — better teams.



Derrick Stewart

Offense (6)

WR 10 Derrick Stewart (Jr.)	81 Antwan Giddens (Sr.)
WR 16 Dominick Goodman (Jr.)	14 Earnest Jackson (Sr.)
WR 24 Jared Martin (So.)	Armon Binns (Fr.)
LT 71 Jeff Linkenbach (So.)	68 Toby Boeckman (Fr.)
LG 77 Jeremy Bolton (Sr.)	73 Mario Duenas (Sr.)
C 64 Chris Flores (Sr.)	74 Ken Rodriguez (Sr.)
RG 76 Trevor Canfield (Jr.)	70 C.J. Cobb (Fr.)
RT 72 Digger Bujnoch (Sr.)	79 Khalil El-Amin (Jr.)
TE 89 Connor Barwin (Jr.)	86 Doug Jones (Sr.)
QB 9 Ben Mauk (Sr.)	4 Dustin Grutza (Jr.)
RB 48 Greg Moore (Sr.)	23 Butler Benton (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 56 Trevor Anderson (Jr.)	10 Lamonte Nelms (Jr.)
DT 95 Terrill Byrd (Jr.)	54 Jon Newton (Sr.)
DT 67 Adam Hoppel (Jr.)	90 Ricardo Mathews (So.)
DE 12 Anthony Hoke (Sr.)	82 Angelo Craig (Sr.)
OLB 55 Leo Morgan (Sr.)	45 Ryan Manalac (Jr.)
MLB 50 Andre Revels (So.)	3 Delbert Ferguson (Jr.)
OLB 42 Corey Smith (Jr.)	31 Jon Carpenter (Sr.)
CB 21 Mike Mickens (Jr.)	4 Martez Williams (Fr.)
CB 6 DeAngelo Smith (Jr.)	25 Brad Jones (So.)
SS 18 Cedric Tolbert (Jr.)	17 Aaron Webster (So.)
FS 13 Haruki Nakamura (Sr.)	44 Evan Sparks (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 87 Jacob Rogers (Fr.)	KR 16 Dominick Goodman (Jr.)
P 47 Kevin Huber (Jr.)	PR 10 Derrick Stewart (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dustin Grutza, 225-137-1,632-13, 9 TDs
 Rushing: Greg Moore, 162 car., 709 yds., 3 TDs
 Receiving: Dominick Goodman, 40 rec., 452 yds., 5 TDs
 Tackles: Haruki Nakamura, 66, 43 solo; Corey Smith, 60, 34 solo
 Sacks: Trevor Anderson, 6
 Interceptions: Mike Mickens, 3 for 2 yds.

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BIG FIGHT

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 SE Missouri State	W
S. 6 Oregon State	L
S. 15 at Miami (Ohio)	W
S. 22 Marshall	W
S. 29 at San Diego State	W
O. 6 at Rutgers	L
O. 13 Louisville	L
O. 20 at Pittsburgh	*
N. 3 at South Florida	L
N. 10 Connecticut	W
N. 17 West Virginia	L
N. 24 at Syracuse	W

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2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Eastern Kentucky	W	31-0
S. 8 Pittsburgh	L	15-33
S. 16 at Ohio State	L	7-37
S. 23 at Virginia Tech	L	13-29
S. 30 Miami (Ohio)	W	24-10
O. 7 Akron	W	20-14
O. 14 at Louisville	L	17-23
O. 22 South Florida	W	23-6
O. 28 Syracuse	W	17-3
N. 11 at West Virginia	L	24-42
N. 18 Rutgers	W	30-11
N. 25 at Connecticut	W	26-23
J. 6 #Western Michigan	W	27-24
#International Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.1 ppg	82
Rushing	133.6 ypg	57
Passing	206.9 ypg	51
Total	340.5 ypg	61
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	36
Rushing	107.5 ypg	25
Passing	201.6 ypg	58
Total	309.2 ypg	31
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.46	90

Head Coach: Brian Kelly

2006 Record (Big East): 8-5 (4-3)



VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

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Offense With eight starters back, the offense should be better. Of course, after ranking 113th of 119 Division I-A teams, it could hardly be much worse.

Quarterback Jameel Sewell was in over his head at times as a freshman last year but showed plenty of potential. The big question is whether he'll be fully recovered from offseason wrist surgery that limited his participation in spring practice.

The offensive line, the cause of many of the team's struggles last year, returns intact and should be more of a cohesive unit. Left guard Branden Albert is the leader, but left tackle Eugene Monroe has star potential.

There's a shortage of proven playmakers, especially after a probable season-ending injury in the spring to leading receiver Kevin Ogletree, the team's only deep threat. Virginia could once again rely on its tight ends, particularly speedy Tom Santi, to spread the field.

The Cavaliers should be fine at running back, where Cedric Peerman has some experience and redshirt freshmen Keith Payne and Raynard Horne are talented, if raw.

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Virginia's red zone conversion rate was 92 percent last year. The Cavaliers scored on 22 of 24 trips inside the 20.

Defense The Cavaliers are long on talent and experience on the defensive line, starting with end Chris Long, one of the nation's best. Long, son of NFL Hall of Famer Howie Long, has a motor that never stops. Fellow end Jeffrey Fitzgerald was a freshman All-American. He and Long form one of the best tandems in the country. Nose tackle Allen Billyk is solid, and depth is not an issue.

Coach Al Groh loves linebackers and needs

plenty to play Virginia's 3-4 scheme. All four starters return, led by the inside duo of Jon Copper and Antonio Appleby, and several talented younger players provide depth.

The secondary is also well-stocked, with three starters back and more speed and athletic ability than Groh has had in seven seasons at Virginia. Chris Cook has one corner spot locked down, but there will be healthy competition at most other positions.

Ranked 17th nationally last year, the defense could be even better this season.

Specialists Spring drills failed to yield a clear number one kicker. Groh wasn't satisfied with either Chris Gould, last year's do-it-all guy, or backup Noah Greenbaum. The position is one of the team's top concerns, as is the punting of Ryan Weigand, who took over after Gould concentrated solely on placekicking late last season.

Final Analysis There's cautious optimism in Charlottesville after last year's 5-7 disappointment. If nothing else, the team showed resolve, winning three of its final five games after a terrible start.

With so many players back, and with a year of experience under their belts, Virginia should be better. How much better depends largely on the development of an offense that was woeful at times last year. The big concerns are the health of Sewell and the lack of proven playmakers.

The defense looks loaded, potentially quicker and more aggressive than any in Groh's tenure. Overall, the team's speed and athletic ability seems to have risen a notch, but many of those more talented players are still young.

The schedule provides a chance to get off to a quick start and build confidence, something Virginia was unable to do last year. If things break right, the Cavaliers could be difficult to contend with come November, and might be bowl-bound once again.



Jameel Sewell

Offense (8)

WR	80 Maurice Covington (Jr.)	89	Chris Dalton (Fr.)
WR	26 Cary Koch (Jr.)	39	Chris Gorham (Sr.)
LT	75 Eugene Monroe (Jr.)	76	Zak Stair (Jr.)
LG	71 Branden Albert (Jr.)	79	Gordie Sammis (Sr.)
C	63 Jordy Lipsey (Sr.)	64	Jack Shields (Fr.)
RG	77 Ian-Yates Cunningham (Sr.)	74	Patrick Slesbonick (So.)
RT	61 Will Barker (So.)	65	B.J. Cabbell (Fr.)
TE	86 Tom Santi (Sr.)	85	John Phillips (Jr.)
TE	88 Jonathan Stupar (Sr.)	83	Joe Torchia (Fr.)
QB	10 Jameel Sewell (So.)	6	Marc Verica (Fr.)
TB	37 Cedric Peerman (Jr.)	32	Keith Payne (Fr.)

Defense (10)

DE	91 Chris Long (Sr.)	93	Alex Field (Jr.)
NT	94 Allen Billyk (Sr.)	98	Nate Collins (So.)
DE	95 Jeffrey Fitzgerald (So.)	99	Sean Gottschalk (Fr.)
OLB	51 Clint Sintim (Jr.)	41	Aaron Clark (Jr.)
ILB	54 Jon Copper (Jr.)	33	John Bivens (Fr.)
ILB	58 Antonio Appleby (Jr.)	45	Denzel Burrell (So.)
OLB	57 Jermaine Dias (Sr.)	56	Olu Hall (So.)
CB	26 Chris Cook (Jr.)	4	Vic Hall (So.)
CB	28 Mike Brown (Jr.)	43	Mike Parker (Fr.)
S	30 Nate Lyles (Sr.)	27	Jamaal Jackson (Sr.)
S	22 Byron Glaspy (Jr.)	17	Brandon Woods (So.)

Special Teams

K	9 Chris Gould (Sr.)	KR	89 Chris Dalton (Fr.)
P	16 Ryan Weigand (Sr.)	PR	28 Mike Brown (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jameel Sewell, 247-143-1,342-6, 5 TDs
Rushing: Jameel Sewell, 95 car., 200 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Kevin Ogletree, 52 rec., 582 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Jon Copper, 81, 39 solo; Antonio Appleby, 68, 39 solo
Sacks: Jeffrey Fitzgerald, 5.5
Interceptions: Jeffrey Fitzgerald, 2 for 3 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Wyoming	*
S. 8	Duke	W
S. 15	at North Carolina	*
S. 22	Georgia Tech	L
S. 29	Pittsburgh	*
O. 6	at Middle Tennessee	W
O. 13	Connecticut	W
O. 20	at Maryland	*
O. 27	at NC State	*
N. 3	Wake Forest	L
N. 10	at Miami	L
N. 24	Virginia Tech	L

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2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Pittsburgh	L	13-38
S. 9	Wyoming (ot)	W	13-12
S. 16	W. Michigan	L	10-17
S. 21	at Georgia Tech	L	7-24
S. 30	at Duke	W	37-0
O. 7	at East Carolina	L	21-31
O. 14	Maryland	L	26-28
O. 19	North Carolina	W	23-0
O. 28	NC State	W	14-7
N. 4	at Florida State	L	0-33
N. 18	Miami	W	17-7
N. 25	at Virginia Tech	L	0-17

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.1 ppg	110
Rushing	99.9 ypg	100
Passing	157.3 ypg	102
Total	257.2 ypg	113
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.8 ppg	22
Rushing	119.3 ypg	41
Passing	170.2 ypg	15
Total	289.5 ypg	17
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.17	44

Head Coach: Al Groh

2006 Record (ACC): 5-7 (4-4)



PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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6

Offense Since the day he was hired, Pittsburgh coach Dave Wannstedt has said he wanted to turn the Panthers into a power running team. And he should get that chance this season, particularly with the graduation of decorated quarterback Tyler Palko. The running game features not only an experienced offensive line, but also a blue-chip freshman tailback in LeSean "Shady" McCoy, who's been compared to Pittsburgh's most recent Heisman Trophy winner, Tony Dorsett. McCoy was one of the most sought-after backs in the nation, originally committing to Miami before spending a year in prep school. He should share time with speedster LaRod Stephens-Howling (893 yards in '06) in the backfield.

The quest for Palko's spot could come down to the wire, as junior Bill Stull (10 career pass attempts), redshirt freshman Kevan Smith and highly touted true freshman Pat Bostick battled it out at training camp.

The receiving corps of Oderick Turner and Derek Kinder, a duo that combined for 101 catches for 1,507 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2006, might be the best in the Big East.

1 Pitt has had one 1,000-yard rusher since 1995. Kevan Barlow was the most recent to hit the millennium mark with 1,167 yards in 2000.

Defense Although Wannstedt has a defensive background, his teams have failed to produce on this side of the ball. Pittsburgh was one of the worst defensive teams in college football in '06, ranking 87th overall and 107th against the run. The Panthers will try to make improvements minus their top two defenders, linebacker H.B. Blades and Darrelle Revis.

The linebacking corps will feature all new starters, with converted tailback Dorin Dickerson adding a dimension of speed and

athleticism that could be intriguing. The return of free safety Eric Thatcher, the team's most explosive hitter who was injured early last season, will add a much-needed physicality to this unit.

The defensive line is relatively young but should be improved with the return of four starters, including potential All-Big East pick Joe Clermond at end.

Specialists Pittsburgh has one of the country's more dangerous kickoff return threats in Lowell Robinson, who ranked ninth nationally with a 27.9-yard average. Kicker Conor Lee converted 85.7 percent of his field goal attempts (12 of 14) and was perfect on 47 extra point tries. Purdue transfer Dave Brytus, who averaged nearly 40 yards per kick in two seasons with the Boilermakers, takes over for two-time All-Big East pick Adam Graessle.

Final Analysis A season-ending five-game losing streak and the loss of its three best players leaves Pittsburgh with little momentum from last fall. Add in a treacherous road schedule and it's easy to understand why these Panthers will be challenged to reach .500. But maybe this is precisely what the Panthers need. When expectations have been high, they've traditionally failed to meet them. This season, there is no pressure. No preseason ranking. No nothing. Moreover, Wannstedt is no longer encumbered by so many of Walt Harris' former players, enabling him to use the highly regarded freshmen, sophomores and select juniors he brought in the past three seasons.

In his first two years, Wannstedt made a commitment to Palko, a Harris recruit. Now, the former NFL coach can implement more of his run-first philosophy.

Somehow, the Panthers need to make marked improvement on defense, even with the loss of the entire linebacking corps. If they don't, it could be a third consecutive season without a bowl bid.



Derek Kinder

Offense (8)

WR 81 Derek Kinder (Sr.)	1 Cedric McGee (So.)
WR 88 Oderick Turner (So.)	87 Marcel Pestano (Jr.)
LT 76 Jeff Otah (Sr.)	72 Chase Clowser (Jr.)
LG 55 C.J. Davis (Jr.)	70 Dominic Williams (Jr.)
C 64 Chris Vangas (Sr.)	62 John Bachman (So.)
RG 56 Joe Thomas (So.)	78 John Brown (So.)
RT 75 Mike McGlynn (Sr.)	77 Jason Pinkston (So.)
TE 14 Darrell Strong (Sr.)	80 Nate Byham (So.)
QB 11 Bill Stull (Jr.)	12 Kevan Smith (Fr.)
FB 30 Conredge Collins (Jr.)	Henry Hynoski (Fr.)
TB 34 LaRod Stephens-Howling (Jr.)	LeSean McCoy (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE 58 Joe Clermond (Sr.)	91 Greg Romeus (Fr.)
DT 93 Gus Mustakas (Jr.)	95 Mick Williams (So.)
NT 50 Rashaad Duncan (Jr.)	74 John Malecki (So.)
DE 41 Chris McKillop (Sr.)	48 Doug Fulmer (So.)
SLB 8 Adam Gunn (Jr.)	2 Dorin Dickerson (So.)
MLB 40 Scott McKillop (Jr.)	6 Steve Dell (So.)
WLB 45 Shane Murray (Fr.)	15 Nate Nix (So.)
CB 5 Kennard Cox (Sr.)	7 Jovani Chappel (So.)
CB 38 Aaron Berry (So.)	35 Rick Gary (Fr.)
SS 10 Mike Phillips (Sr.)	20 Irvan Brown (So.)
FS 28 Eric Thatcher (Jr.)	23 Elijah Fields (So.)

Special Teams

K 37 Conor Lee (Jr.)	KR 85 Lowell Robinson (Sr.)
P 18 Dave Brytus (Jr.)	PR 38 Aaron Berry (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bill Stull, 8-6-69-0, 1 TD
Rushing: LaRod Stephens-Howling, 178 car., 893 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Derek Kinder, 57 rec., 847 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Kennard Cox, 51, 31 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 5.5
Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

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Bruce Schwartzman

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Eastern Michigan	W
S. 8 Grambling	W
S. 15 at Michigan State	*
S. 22 Connecticut	W
S. 29 at Virginia	*
O. 13 Navy	*
O. 20 Cincinnati	*
O. 27 at Louisville	L
N. 3 Syracuse	W
N. 17 at Rutgers	L
N. 24 South Florida	L
D. 1 at West Virginia	L

Games in bold represent swing games
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2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Virginia	W	38-13
S. 8 at Cincinnati	W	33-15
S. 16 Michigan State	L	23-38
S. 23 The Citadel	W	51-6
S. 30 Toledo	W	45-3
O. 7 at Syracuse	W	21-11
O. 13 at UCF	W	52-7
O. 21 Rutgers	L	10-20
N. 4 at South Florida	L	12-22
N. 11 at Connecticut	L	45-46
N. 16 West Virginia	L	27-45
N. 25 Louisville	L	24-48

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.8 ppg	14
Rushing	123.0 ypg	78
Passing	249.3 ypg	20
Total	372.3 ypg	37
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	60
Rushing	181.3 ypg	107
Passing	181.8 ypg	29
Total	363.1 ypg	87
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.67	17

Head Coach: Dave Wannstedt

2006 Record (Big East): 6-6 (2-5)



HOUSTON COUGARS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

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Offense The Cougars can put points on the board — they now have to prove that they can do it without quarterback Kevin Kolb, a four-year starter. Sophomore Blake Joseph and freshman Case Keenum are the top two candidates to take the helm of the Cougars' offense. Even though he's thrown only eight passes in his UH career, Joseph arrived with the reputation as a gunslinger whose decision-making process is sometimes short-circuited by his supreme confidence.

The good thing is that the transition from the Kolb era will be eased by the presence of Anthony "Quick Six" Alridge, who rushed for 959 yards and eight touchdowns on only 95 carries after switching from wide receiver.

The Cougars return speedster Donnie Avery (57 catches, 852 yards, 5 TDs), 6'5" Jeron Harvey (41 receptions, 671 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Mark Hafner, with Chris Gilbert moving into the slot receiver position.

The offensive line took a hit when Byron Alfred decided to quit football and pursue a law degree, but one problem was solved when quick-footed Carl Barnett moved from defense to center, where he replaces All-C-USA first-teamer Sterling Doty. With tackle SirVincent Rogers out after knee surgery, depth is an issue. But Dustin Dickinson and Jeff Akeroyd return at right tackle and left guard, respectively, giving the Cougars a nice foundation.

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Anthony Alridge's nation-leading average per rush. Alridge almost broke the 1,000 yards-mark despite a mere 95 carries, with no more than 14 in any game.

Defense Houston's defense made strides last season but was outrageously vulnerable on third downs (47 percent efficiency by opponents, 110th in the nation). After shifting

from a 3-4 to a 4-2-5, the defense should be better — it has to be since it will carry the load while the offense jells.

The defensive line should be one of C-USA's better units, with massive Eli Ash teamed with Cody Pree at tackle. And keep an eye on junior tackle Tate Stewart, who looked sharp in the spring. End Phillip Hunt is as fast as they come, and the Cougars will drop outside linebacker Brendan Pahulu (6'3", 239) down to end to complete the four-man front.

Linebackers Cody Lubojasky and Trent Allen aren't the swiftest in the business, but they're smart and aggressive. The secondary lost two good ones in cornerback Willie Gaston and safety Will Gulley but returns junior corner Kenneth Fontenette, who has All-America written all over him, and junior safety Ernest Miller.

Senior Rocky Schwartz, who is back after missing last season because of knee surgery, will compete with Oklahoma State transfer Stephen James, Baylor transfer James Francis and Broderic Bean for the new rover position.

Specialists Once again the Cougars were one of the worst teams in net punting (114th at 30.0 yards), so redshirt freshman Tommy Skinner has to be an improvement. Ben Bell, who is accurate (14-of-18) if not long (1-of-3 from 40-plus yards), will be the full-time kicker. The return game is in good shape with Avery and Alridge, both 4.25 speedsters.

Final Analysis Despite losing Kolb, the Cougars have more than enough talent to compete for a berth in the conference championship game. The early schedule will be tough with trips to Oregon and Alabama, but the Cougars get a break by skipping Southern Miss.

You can pencil in a bowl game, but the difference between a seven-win team and a nine- or 10-win season will depend on the defense.



Donnie Avery

Offense (5)

WR	1 Jeron Harvey (Sr.)	10 L.J. Castile (Fr.)
WR	2 Donnie Avery (Sr.)	5 Brennan Gleason (Jr.)
SL	8 Chris Gilbert (So.)	9 Perry McDaniel (Sr.)
LT	79 Matt Hart (So.)	59 Sebastian Vollmer (Jr.)
LG	77 Jeff Akeroyd (Sr.)	69 Jerrod Butler (So.)
C	57 Carl Barnett (So.)	58 Naseri Eteuini (Jr.)
RG	64 Michael Bloesch (Jr.)	75 Isaiah Agson (Jr.)
RT	73 Dustin Dickinson (Sr.)	48 Rodney Brisbon (Jr.)
TE	87 Mark Hafner (Jr.)	18 Wesley Scourten (Fr.)
QB	15 Blake Joseph (So.)	7 Case Keenum (Fr.)
RB	22 Anthony Alridge (Sr.)	29 Randall Antoine (Fr.)

Defense (7)

DE	53 Phillip Hunt (Jr.)	93 Brian West (So.)
NT	56 Cody Pree (Jr.)	91 Tate Stewart (Jr.)
DT	90 Eli Ash (Jr.)	48 Raymond Alake (Jr.)
OLB	3 Brendan Pahulu (Sr.)	7 Chris Pilot (Jr.)
MLB	34 Cody Lubojasky (Jr.)	4 Rodney Rideau (Jr.)
WLB	41 Trent Allen (Sr.)	4 Rodney Rideau (Jr.)
ROV	27 Stephen James (Jr.)	1 James Francis (Jr.)
CB	8 Quinte Williams (Jr.)	23 Carson Blackmon (So.)
CB	28 Kenneth Fontenette (Jr.)	6 Kellan Yancy (Sr.)
SS	5 Ernest Miller (Jr.)	20 Rocky Schwartz (Sr.)
FS	15 Broderic Bean (Jr.)	9 Joseph Gonzales (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	14 Ben Bell (Jr.)	KR	22 Anthony Alridge (Sr.)
P	45 Tommy Skinner (Fr.)	PR	16 Teric Williams (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Blake Joseph, 8-6-56-1, 0 TD
Rushing: Anthony Alridge, 95 car., 959 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Donnie Avery, 57 rec., 852 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Trent Allen, 95, 49 solo
Sacks: Phillip Hunt, 8
Interceptions: Ernest Miller, 2 for 11 yds.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Oregon	L
S. 15	at Tulane	W
S. 22	Colorado State	W
S. 29	East Carolina	W
O. 6	at Alabama	L
O. 13	Rice	W
O. 20	at UAB	W
O. 27	at UTEP	W
N. 4	SMU	W
N. 10	at Tulsa	*
N. 17	Marshall	W
N. 24	Texas Southern	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Rice	W	31-30
S. 9	Tulane	W	45-7
S. 16	Grambling	W	42-22
S. 23	Oklahoma State	W	34-25
S. 30	at Miami	L	13-14
O. 7	UL Lafayette	L	28-31
O. 14	at Southern Miss	L	27-31
O. 21	UTEP	W	34-17
O. 28	UCF	W	51-31
N. 4	Tulsa	W	27-10
N. 11	at SMU	W	37-27
N. 18	at Memphis (ot)	W	23-20
D. 1	Southern Miss	W	34-20
D. 29	#South Carolina	L	36-44
	#Liberty Bowl		

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.0 ppg	10
Rushing	168.3 ypg	28
Passing	277.8 ypg	8
Total	446.1 ypg	7
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.5 ppg	64
Rushing	143.4 ypg	69
Passing	208.0 ypg	70
Total	351.4 ypg	72
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.64	20

2006 Record (C-USA): 10-4 (7-1)

Head Coach: Art Briles

(*) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



KANSAS

JAYHAWKS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

4

Offense Much of Kansas' success this year will depend on the play of its quarterback — whoever that may be. Kerry Meier returns after starting eight games as a freshman in 2006, but it's not as if he was a huge success. Meier began forcing passes as the competition improved throughout the year, and he often struggled to adjust when his primary receiver was covered.

With Meier injured, Todd Reesing, a true freshman, played in three of KU's final four games last fall and did an admirable job. The 5'11" Reesing isn't as athletic as Meier, but his ability to elude the pass rush gives KU's receivers extra time to get open, and Reesing has proven he can capitalize with his strong arm.

KU must find a replacement for Big 12 rushing leader Jon Cornish. The plan entering August two-a-days is to divvy up the carries between scat back Jake Sharp and Brandon McAnderson, a bruiser who's been used primarily as a fullback for the past three seasons.

Kansas lost its top deep threat in receiver Brian Murph, but Dexton Fields and Marcus Henry are both veterans who need to have breakthrough seasons if KU hopes to have success through the air. Three starters are gone from KU's offensive line, but 315-pound junior college transfer Chet Hartley should provide some help for All-Big 12 candidate Anthony Collins.

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Kansas ranked dead last in the nation (No. 119) in pass defense last season. The Jayhawks allowed an average of 269.1 yards through the air.

Defense Kansas ranked last in the country in pass defense in 2006, but much of that was because a lack of rush by the Jayhawks' front four. Don't be surprised if the defensive line is a weakness once again, considering Kansas

returns only one standout performer in senior tackle James McClinton, who had 14 tackles for a loss in 2006.

Kansas' secondary should be much improved. The Jayhawks' best overall player, cornerback Aqib Talib, is back after leading the country in pass break-ups last year, and Kansas will get some much-needed help at the other corner from junior college transfer Kendrick Harper.

Kansas' linebackers may be the speediest group to play for the Jayhawks since Mark Mangino's arrival in 2002. Arist Wright and James Holt were both starting on the outside by the end of the 2006 season. Former starting outside linebacker Joe Mortensen has moved to middle linebacker, where he ended spring drills as the starter ahead of Mike Rivera. Still, Rivera may be the top player in this bunch.

Specialists Scott Webb returns for his third season as KU's kicker. Punter Kyle Tucker, a Ray Guy Award semi-finalist in 2005, will be a fourth-year starter. Kansas' most lethal special teams threat, though, may be Marcus Herford, who ranked third in the league and 18th in the country last year with a 26.1-yard average on kickoff returns.

Final Analysis No one can argue that KU has become a more competitive team in the Mangino era. Kansas lost a pair games in the final minute last season and suffered two more setbacks in overtime. A different outcome in just a few of those contests would've given the Jayhawks an 8-4 record and a shot at the Big 12 North title.

Instead Mangino's squad finished 6-6 and failed to receive a bowl bid. Improving on that record this year won't be easy. Along with a pair of unproven quarterbacks and a shaky-at-best defense, the Jayhawks are staring at a tough schedule. The home-opener against Central Michigan is certainly no lock. And don't forget: Kansas is 2-18 in Big 12 road games under Mangino.



Kerry Meier

Offense (5)

WR 86 Marcus Henry (Sr.)	82 Jeff Foster (Sr.)
WR 88 Dexton Fields (Jr.)	22 Angus Quigley (So.)
WR 13 Marcus Herford (Jr.)	38 Raymond Brown (Jr.)
LT 78 Anthony Collins (Jr.)	60 Jose Rodriguez (Jr.)
LG 66 Adrian Mayes (Jr.)	70 Matt Darton (Jr.)
C 50 Ryan Cantrell (Jr.)	55 John Marshall (Fr.)
RG 79 Chet Hartley (Jr.)	67 Rameses Arceo (Jr.)
RT 65 Cesar Rodriguez (Sr.)	63 Ian Wolfe (Fr.)
TE 85 Derek Fine (Sr.)	83 Marc Jones (Sr.)
QB 10 Kerry Meier (So.)	5 Todd Reesing (So.)
RB 1 Jake Sharp (So.)	35 Brandon McAnderson (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 81 Russell Brorsen (Jr.)	84 Jeff Wheeler (So.)
DT 72 Todd Haselhorst (Jr.)	99 Jamal Greene (Fr.)
DT 93 James McClinton (Sr.)	94 Caleb Blakesley (So.)
DE 87 John Larson (Jr.)	47 Maxwell Onyebule (Fr.)
OLB 12 James Holt (Jr.)	58 Jake Schermer (So.)
MLB 40 Mike Rivera (Jr.)	8 Joe Mortensen (Jr.)
OLB 41 Arist Wright (So.)	44 Olaitan Oguntodu (So.)
CB 3 Aqib Talib (Jr.)	4 Gary Green (Jr.)
CB 24 Kendrick Harper (Jr.)	20 Anthony Webb (So.)
SS 7 Patrick Resby (Jr.)	36 Tang Bacheyie (Jr.)
FS 25 Darrell Stuckey (So.)	46 Justin Thornton (So.)

Special Teams

K 39 Scott Webb (Sr.)	KR 13 Marcus Herford (Jr.)
P 15 Kyle Tucker (Sr.)	PR 13 Marcus Herford (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kerry Meier, 184-104-1,193-10, 13 TDs
Rushing: Kerry Meier, 99 car., 344 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Dexton Fields, 45 rec., 455 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Mike Rivera, 90, 63 solo
Sacks: James McClinton, 6
Interceptions: Aqib Talib, 6 for 82 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Central Michigan	*
S. 8 SE Louisiana	W
S. 15 Toledo	W
S. 22 Florida International	W
O. 6 at Kansas State	L
O. 13 Baylor	W
O. 20 at Colorado	*
O. 27 at Texas A&M	L
N. 3 Nebraska	L
N. 10 at Oklahoma State	L
N. 17 Iowa State	W
N. 24 #Missouri	L

#Kansas City, MO

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Northwestern State	W	49-18
S. 9 UL Monroe	W	21-19
S. 15 at Toledo (ot)	L	31-37
S. 23 South Florida	W	13-7
S. 30 at Nebraska (ot)	L	32-39
O. 7 Texas A&M	L	18-21
O. 14 Oklahoma State	L	32-42
O. 21 at Baylor	L	35-36
O. 28 Colorado	W	20-15
N. 4 at Iowa State	W	41-10
N. 18 Kansas State	W	39-20
N. 25 at Missouri	L	17-42

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.0 ppg	29
Rushing	176.4 ypg	19
Passing	197.7 ypg	60
Total	374.1 ypg	33
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.5 ppg	81
Rushing	109.0 ypg	28
Passing	269.1 ypg	119
Total	378.1 ypg	94
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	87

Head Coach: Mark Mangino

2006 Record (Big 12): 6-6 (3-5)



WASHINGTON STATE

COUGARS

NATIONAL FORECAST
PAC-10 PREDICTION

58
8

Offense You look at Alex Brink's numbers and think he's sensational, one of the best in WSU history. Currently No. 3 on the school's career passing list, Brink needs only 1,736 yards to pass Jason Gesser and become the most prolific Cougar ever. But there remain concerns about his arm strength and ability to lead the team to victories. Nonetheless, the coaching staff has always been in Brink's corner.

Unfortunately, the surrounding cast has question marks. Dwight Tardy is the top returning running back. The sophomore rushed for 667 yards last year. The next two leading ground-gainers, Derrell Hutson and DeMaundray Woolridge, have academic issues that leave their eligibility in question.

Brink should at least get time to throw with three starting offensive linemen returning in center Kenny Alfred, right tackle Dan Rowlands and Bobby Byrd, an all-conference candidate who will switch from left tackle to left guard.

There will be plenty of receiving options, from All-America candidate Michael Bumpus to Brandon Gibson, who averaged 14.9 yards per catch last year, to tight end Jed Collins.

3 The Cougars have gone three seasons without playing in a bowl game, since beating Vince Young and Texas in the 2003 Holiday Bowl. If they don't play in one this year, it will be the first time this century that the Cougars graduated bowl-less seniors.

Defense At least the line will be potentially solid, even with the loss of NFL pass-rushing prospect Mkristo Bruce. Senior returning tackles Ropati Pitoitua and Aaron Johnson are effective run-stoppers who should give a relatively untested linebacker corps the chance to develop. A sprained knee hampered Pitoitua last year, but the Cougars are touting him as an all-conference candidate. Defensive end Lance

Broadus, the Cougars' top quarterback harasser, underwent shoulder surgery in the spring, putting his status in question for fall camp. Matt Mullenix was supposed to be a starter last year until a knee injury before the first game sidelined him for the season.

The Cougs return Greg Trent at middle linebacker but must replace Scott Davis and Steve Dildine at the outside spots.

There's some hope, but not much, in the last line of defense. Free safety Husain Abdullah started all 12 games last year. But the Cougs lost three starters to graduation. It's truly three guesses as to who will replace them. "Defensively, our big concern is in the secondary," says coach Bill Doba.

Specialists Darryl Blunt didn't shine as a punter, but he didn't stink it up either, averaging 41.4 yards. The kickers? Well, let's just say it was another year in which Jason Hanson's school records were not threatened. Almost by default, Romeen Abdolmohammadi won the kicking job in the spring from Loren Langley.

Final Analysis It will be an interesting year for Doba and his Cougars. Now in his fifth season, Doba has not led Washington State to a bowl game the past three years, and this just won't cut it anymore in Pullman. Washington State has not had a winning season since 2003. If it's possible to bottom out with a 6-6 record, the Cougs bottomed out last year, losing their last three games to go from bowl eligible to "nobody wants us."

If not restless, the natives are fidgety, wanting more. They could be left with less — in an improved Pac-10, the Cougars will be hard-pressed to finish in the top half of the conference.

If they do, it will be thanks to an offense led by Brink and an assortment of quality receivers. If they don't, it will be because of a secondary filled with inexperience and a kicking game that hasn't been good for eons



Alex Brink

Offense (7)

SE	86 Charles Dillon (Sr.)	15	Benny Ward (Jr.)
FL	4 Brandon Gibson (Jr.)	84	Scott Selby (Jr.)
LT	55 Vaughn Lesuma (Jr.)	67	Joe Epple (Fr.)
LG	70 Bobby Byrd (Sr.)	72	Derek Hunter (Jr.)
C	69 Kenny Alfred (So.)	71	Grady Maxwell (Fr.)
RG	74 Andy Roof (Jr.)	54	Jacob McKinney (Jr.)
RT	60 Dan Rowlands (Jr.)	76	Micah Hannam (Fr.)
TE	41 Jed Collins (Sr.)	48	Ben Woodard (Jr.)
SB	5 Michael Bumpus (Sr.)	22	Michael Willis (Jr.)
QB	10 Alex Brink (Sr.)	17	Gary Rogers (Jr.)
RB	31 Dwight Tardy (So.)	34	Chris Ivory (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	96 Mike Graise (Jr.)	93	Kevin Kooyman (So.)
DT	75 Ropati Pitoitua (Sr.)	77	Matt Eichelberger (Jr.)
DT	40 Aaron Johnson (Sr.)	92	A'i Ahmu (Jr.)
DE	58 Matt Mullenix (Sr.)	9	Lance Broadus (Sr.)
SLB	38 Cory Evans (Jr.)	45	Andy Mattingly (So.)
MLB	52 Greg Trent (Jr.)		Wyman Alexander (Jr.)
WLB	51 Jason Stripling (So.)	44	Alex Hamill (Jr.)
CB	32 Markus Dawes (Sr.)		Chima Nwachukwu (Fr.)
CB	36 B.T. Walker (Sr.)		Devin Giles (So.)
SS	24 Christian Bass (Sr.)		Terry Mixon (Jr.)
FS	23 Husain Abdullah (Sr.)	26	Xavier Hicks (So.)

Special Teams

K	19 R. Abdolmohammadi (Sr.)	KR	6 Charles Dillon (Sr.)
P	8 Darryl Blunt (Jr.)	PR	5 Michael Bumpus (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Alex Brink, 396-241-2,899-10, 19 TDs
Rushing: Dwight Tardy, 145 car., 667 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Michael Bumpus, 60 rec., 558 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Greg Trent, 77, 35 solo
Sacks: Lance Broadus, 7.5
Interceptions: Husain Abdullah, 3 for 49 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Wisconsin	L
S. 8	#San Diego State	W
S. 15	Idaho	W
S. 22	at USC	L
S. 29	at Arizona	L
O. 6	Arizona State	L
O. 13	at Oregon	L
O. 27	UCLA	L
N. 3	at California	L
N. 10	Stanford	W
N. 17	Oregon State	L
N. 24	at Washington	*
	#Seattle, WA	

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Auburn	L	14-40
S. 9	Idaho	W	56-10
S. 16	Baylor	W	17-15
S. 23	at Stanford	W	36-10
S. 30	USC	L	22-28
O. 7	at Oregon State	W	13-6
O. 14	California	L	3-21
O. 21	Oregon	W	34-23
O. 28	at UCLA	W	37-15
N. 4	Arizona	L	17-27
N. 11	at Arizona State	L	14-47
N. 18	Washington	L	32-35

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.6 ppg	57
Rushing	128.3 ypg	67
Passing	259.8 ypg	15
Total	388.1 ypg	25
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.1 ppg	62
Rushing	114.1 ypg	31
Passing	243.1 ypg	108
Total	357.2 ypg	81
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.50	28

Head Coach: Bill Doba

2006 Record (Pac-10): 6-6 (4-5)



CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MAC WEST PREDICTION

1

Offense Sophomore Dan LeFevour was a revelation last year, surviving a three-way battle for the starting quarterback job and then proving to be a run-pass threat with an accurate arm and good decision-making skills. He should be even more reliable than last year, although it's tough to improve on 63.7 percent completion success, 26 touchdowns and 10 picks. CMU could use a downfield receiving threat, since Bryan Anderson, Justin Gardner and Jemmy Jasmin are more possession types.

Ontario Sneed is the lead back, but Notre Dame transfer Justin Hoskins will no doubt get some carries, as will speedy Marcel Archer. They hope to work behind a line capable of replacing two stalwarts, tackle Joe Staley and center Drew Mormino. Not that there aren't some capable returnees. Andrew Hartline is a solid tackle, and guard Eric Tunney is a two-year starter.

8

The Chippewas gave up 341.6 yards per game last year, which was eighth in the MAC. Central can't expect to

outscore everybody this year, so it must tighten things up.

Defense Since the Chippewas were eighth in the MAC in total defense and gave up an average of 22.3 points a game, this wasn't an overwhelming unit last year. Tightening up will require some work.

Central Michigan is in good shape in the middle of the line, thanks primarily to Steven Friend, a second-team All-MAC choice last year. The linebacking corps is deep and led by Red Keith, who sat out much of spring drills with nagging injuries. It will be interesting to see what Ike Brown, a second-team All-MAC choice in '05 who missed last year with an injury, can do now that he's healthy.

There is depth and talent in the secondary

with the return of starting safeties Curtis Cutts and Calvin Hissong. Josh Gordy is steady at one corner, but it's important for Chaz West to show consistency on the other side, even though he did start the final two games of the '06 season.

Specialists Expect another strong year out of fourth-year punter Tony Mikulec, who averaged 42.0 yards per boot in '06. Don't be surprised if Eric Fraser breaks a kick return for a touchdown as he showed flashes last season. Brett Hartmann, who handled kickoffs last season, impressed during spring drills and should win the vacant kicking job, but Central could use somebody to step up as a punt return man.

Final Analysis New coach Butch Jones inherits a proven, confident team with an established quarterback and plenty of talent. He must make sure to solidify the two lines, but he should be able to craft a contender right away. LeFevour triggers an offense that should again be potent and will have balance. He could use a deep threat, but there are plenty of people around to catch the ball.

Meanwhile, Sneed is the top man in a strong stable of backs. The line is a question, because Staley was just so good on the left side. It's up to the veteran Hartline to make the switch to the left side and protect LeFevour's blind side.

The back seven of the defense will be its main strength. There is good depth at linebacker, and with three secondary starters returning, Central should improve against the pass, after allowing quarterbacks to complete 62.1 percent of their throws in 2006.

Brian Kelly parlayed last year's success into a Big East coaching job at Cincinnati. Jones can't expect something like that this year, but he can have realistic dreams of a bowl game. Should the front walls tighten up, the Chippewas will be playing again in late December.



Dan LeFevour

Offense (7)

WR 80 Justin Gardner (Sr.)	89 Joe Bockheim (Jr.)
WR 32 Kito Poblal (Fr.)	85 Matt Torres (Fr.)
WR 87 Bryan Anderson (So.)	2 Jemmy Jasmin (Sr.)
LT 74 Andrew Hartline (Jr.)	71 Michael Raffaeli (Sr.)
LG 66 Jeff Maddux (Fr.)	56 Andrew Cribbs (Jr.)
C 65 Mike Decker (Sr.)	63 Colin Miller (Fr.)
RG 69 Eric Tunney (Sr.)	66 Jeff Maddux (Fr.)
RT 77 Greg Wojt (Jr.)	56 Andrew Cribbs (Jr.)
TE 45 Sam Williams (So.)	83 Andre Moore (Jr.)
QB 13 Dan LeFevour (So.)	18 Brian Brunner (Jr.)
RB 28 Ontario Sneed (Jr.)	21 Marcel Archer (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 98 Frank Zombo (So.)	58 De'Onte Burnam (Sr.)
DT 94 Steven Friend (Sr.)	91 Chris Boss (Jr.)
NG 51 Casey Droscha (Jr.)	92 Ronnie Ekdahl (Jr.)
DE 95 Larry Knight (So.)	54 Sean Murnane (Fr.)
OLB 39 Victor Doman (Sr.)	33 David Lawrence (Jr.)
MLB 41 Red Keith (Sr.)	45 Nick Bellore (Fr.)
OLB 6 Ike Brown (Sr.)	26 Jonathan Lapsley (Jr.)
CB 19 Josh Gordy (So.)	27 Josh Wilkins (Fr.)
CB 4 Chaz West (So.)	14 Tommy Mama (So.)
SS 10 Curtis Cutts (Sr.)	12 Eric Fraser (So.)
FS 20 Calvin Hissong (So.)	31 Kirkston Edwards (So.)

Special Teams

K 96 Brett Hartmann (So.)	KR 12 Eric Fraser (So.)
P 35 Tony Mikulec (Sr.)	PR 16 Jean Pitts (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dan LeFevour, 388-247-3, 031-10, 26 TDs
Rushing: Ontario Sneed, 135 car., 764 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Bryan Anderson, 73 rec., 867 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Red Keith, 127, 61 solo
Sacks: Steven Friend, 5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Kansas	*
S. 8 Toledo	W
S. 15 at Purdue	L
S. 22 North Dakota State	W
S. 29 Northern Illinois	W
O. 6 at Ball State	W
O. 13 Army	W
O. 20 at Clemson	*
O. 27 at Kent State	W
N. 6 at Western Michigan	*
N. 17 Eastern Michigan	W
N. 23 at Akron	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Boston College	L 24-31
S. 9 at Michigan	L 17-41
S. 16 Akron	W 24-21
S. 23 at Eastern Mich. (ot)	W 24-17
S. 30 at Kentucky	L 36-45
O. 7 at Toledo	W 42-20
O. 14 Ball State	W 18-7
O. 19 Bowling Green	W 31-14
N. 4 at Temple	W 42-26
N. 10 Western Michigan	W 31-7
N. 17 at Northern Illinois	L 10-31
N. 24 at Buffalo	W 55-28
N. 30 at Ohio	W 31-10
D. 26 #Middle Tennessee	W 31-14

#Motor City Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	29.7 ppg	23
Rushing	129.4 ypg	64
Passing	245.9 ypg	22
Total	375.3 ypg	32
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	58
Rushing	126.5 ypg	48
Passing	215.1 ypg	78
Total	341.6 ypg	67
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+7	+0.50	28

Head Coach: Butch Jones

2006 Record (MAC): 10-4 (7-1)



INDIANA HOOSIERS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

60
7

Offense Indiana appears to have playmakers at all of the skill positions on offense, led by Kellen Lewis, James Hardy and Marcus Thigpen. With the 6'7" Hardy running routes, and four or five other capable receivers alongside him, Lewis will have a host of options to throw to in Terry Hooppner's spread offense. Throw former quarterback Blake Powers into the mix at tight end, along with Thigpen and fellow tailback Demetrius McCray catching passes out of the backfield and there's the potential to put a lot of points on the board in 2006. Indiana averaged 23.1 points per game last season, a number that could rise significantly in 2007.

On the line, IU will be forced to play a bunch of young players after losing three key seniors to graduation, but the good news is that Hooppner and his staff were able to get some true freshmen some starting experience last season, which should pay dividends in the future.

1 IU has played football on just one day in December since 1994. That day was in 2001, when the Kentucky game was postponed on Sept. 11 weekend and played instead on Dec. 1.

Defense The Hoosiers gave up 125 points and an average of 474 yards of offense while going 0-3 in their final three games last year. Everything starts up front for IU this season defensively, and players such as Greg Brown, Jammie Kirlaw and Joe Kremer hold the key in terms of how successful the Hoosiers can be in rushing the quarterback.

The linebackers should be solid this year, with Will Patterson, who emerged as the leading candidate at the Buck position by year's end, joining Adam McClurg and Geno Johnson, who combined to make 23 starts last year.

Both starting cornerbacks return, led by second team All-Big Ten selection Tracy Porter (four picks in 2006), but both safety positions are up for grabs.

Specialists The kick returners are among the best in the Big Ten. Thigpen averaged 30.1 yards per kickoff return last season with three touchdowns, and Porter averaged 18.6 yards per punt return with one score. Kicker Austin Starr returns after making 12-of-15 field goal attempts, including 8-of-9 from 31 yards and out. IU's biggest question in the specialist area is punter where true freshman Chris Hagerup and fifth-year senior Michael Hines will compete for the job in the fall.

Final Analysis Defense, defense, defense. Indiana has always had its share of potent offensive players in recent years, and Lewis and Hardy are no exceptions. But if IU is expected to finally become bowl eligible this season after a 13-year drought, the defense will need to show significant improvement.

With seven home games, no Ohio State or Michigan on the schedule, and a potent offensive attack in Bloomington this fall, the 2007 season appears to be the breakthrough season Hoosier fans have been waiting for. But IU fans are tired of hearing that this is the season that they'll be playing football in December. Hoosier fans want a little less talk and a lot more action.

Last season could have been IU's breakthrough year except Indiana was unable to knock off a Division I-AA foe in Southern Illinois at home. This year's Division I-AA opponent, Indiana State, should provide more of a successful outcome for the Hoosiers.

Look for the high-flying Indiana offense to average better than 30 points per game, the defense to do just enough to get by and the Hoosiers to prevail in enough games to become bowl eligible for the first time since 1994 and to make their first bowl appearance since 1993.



James Hardy

Offense (7)

WR 82 James Hardy (Jr.)	81 Terrance Turner (Fr.)
WR 13 Andrew Means (So.)	19 Brandon Walker-Roby (Jr.)
WR 6 James Bailey (Jr.)	7 Ray Fisher (So.)
LT 76 Rodger Saffold (So.)	73 James Brewer (Fr.)
LG 64 Pete Saxon (So.)	78 Kyle Thomas (Jr.)
C 61 Ben Wyss (Sr.)	71 Alex Perry (Fr.)
RG 50 John Sandberg (Sr.)	67 Cody Faulkner (Fr.)
RT 70 Charlie Emerson (Sr.)	68 Mike Stark (Fr.)
TE 88 Nick Sexton (Sr.)	14 Blake Powers (Sr.)
QB 15 Kellen Lewis (So.)	4 Ben Chappell (Fr.)
RB 2 Marcus Thigpen (Jr.)	22 Demetrius McCray (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 57 Jamie Kirlaw (So.)	85 Brian Faires (Sr.)
DT 95 Joe Kremer (Sr.)	53 Emile Bass (So.)
DT 62 Greg Brown (Jr.)	97 Kevin Burrus (So.)
DE 98 Greg Middleton (So.)	94 Fabiene Boone (So.)
SLB 34 Will Patterson (So.)	38 Justin Carrington (So.)
MLB 51 Adam McClurg (Sr.)	43 Matt Mayberry (So.)
WLB 56 Geno Johnson (Jr.)	10 Mandela Roberts (So.)
CB 9 Tracy Porter (Sr.)	17 Bruce Hampton (So.)
CB 28 Leslie Majors (Sr.)	16 Chris Phillips (Jr.)
SS 24 J.T. Owens (So.)	20 Austin Thomas (So.)
FS 8 Nick Polk (So.)	33 Joe Kleinsmith (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 18 Austin Starr (Jr.)	KR 2 Marcus Thigpen (Jr.)
P 93 Michael Hines (Sr.)	PR 9 Tracy Porter (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kellen Lewis, 346-190-2,221-7, 14 TDs
Rushing: Kellen Lewis, 124 car, 441 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: James Hardy, 51 rec., 722 yds., 10 TDs
Tackles: Tracy Porter, 59, 51 solo; Adam McClurg, 58, 40 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 1.5
Interceptions: Tracy Porter, 4 for 53 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Indiana State	W
S. 8 at Western Michigan	*
S. 15 Akron	W
S. 22 Illinois	*
S. 29 at Iowa	L
O. 6 Minnesota	W
O. 13 at Michigan State	*
O. 20 Penn State	L
O. 27 at Wisconsin	L
N. 3 Ball State	W
N. 10 at Northwestern	*
N. 17 Purdue	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Western Michigan	W	39-20
S. 9 at Ball State	W	24-23
S. 16 Southern Illinois	L	28-35
S. 23 Connecticut	L	7-14
S. 30 Wisconsin	L	17-52
O. 7 at Illinois	W	34-32
O. 14 Iowa	W	31-28
O. 21 at Ohio State	L	3-44
O. 28 Michigan State	W	46-21
N. 4 at Minnesota	L	26-63
N. 11 Michigan	L	3-34
N. 18 at Purdue	L	19-28

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.1 ppg	63
Rushing	113.8 ypg	89
Passing	222.1 ypg	40
Total	335.9 ypg	65
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.8 ppg	111
Rushing	174.1 ypg	102
Passing	228.3 ypg	93
Total	402.3 ypg	109
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	82

Head Coach: Terry Hooppner

2006 Record (Big Ten): 5-7 (3-5)



COLORADO

BLUE FOOTIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

5

Offense Colorado entered 2006 hoping its defense could keep games close while its offense developed. Unfortunately for the Buffaloes, those desires were foiled. On the way to a 2-10 record, CU's offense finished last in the Big 12 in scoring, passing, yards gained and several other categories. Bernard Jackson took over as the starting quarterback in the second game. While he showed flashes of brilliance, his mastery of the offense did not enable coaches to open things up as they wanted. That's why Jackson won't be the starter when 2007 begins.

That job will probably go to redshirt freshman Cody Hawkins, son of head coach Dan Hawkins. Cody spent his time wisely in 2006, learning the offense inside and out. He emerged as the favorite to start in spring, though coaches insist junior college transfer Nick Nelson, a January enrollee, will get a shot in August camp. Nelson is a winner and a hard worker, so he should not be counted out.

Seven offensive linemen went through spring drills, and one, guard Erick Faatagi, was limited due to ACL surgery. CU signed eight offensive linemen in February, and some of them will be expected to fill the two-deep. Incoming freshman Ryan Miller highlights the class.

Defense Opponents found it tough to run on the Buffs in 2006, but going through the air was a different story. Opposing passers hit 66.9 percent of their throws, a scary statistic that demands improvement. The run defense was fine, holding teams to 3.3 yards per carry and 112.4 a game.

CU will continue to stress stopping the run first, but the key to success is finding balance. Knowing assignments and schemes will help considerably, players and coaches say.

Maurice Lucas and Alonzo Barrett will try to fill voids at defensive end. The secondary relies on corner Terrence Wheatley and safety Ryan Walters. As usual, CU is solid at linebacker, led by senior Jordon Dizon.

Specialists Kicker Kevin Eberhart gets his chance after waiting four years for Mason Crosby to depart. His leg is not as strong as Crosby's, but Eberhart should be fine. Punter Matt DiLallo suffered freshman jitters in 2006, but he has a powerful leg and will benefit from experience. Spots to return kicks are up for grabs, but look for Stephone Robinson, Chase McBride and Cha'pelle Brown to do most of the work.

Final Analysis CU hopes the worst is behind as Hawkins begins his second season. There is talent, and many of the mistakes it committed in 2006 should be eliminated through familiarity with Hawkins' staff and schemes.

Still, depth along both lines is a major concern. Inexperience at quarterback and a lack of proven playmakers compound the challenge. The program is headed in the right direction, but fans will be well-advised to remain patient this fall.



Jordon Dizon

2

Colorado won only two games last season, the program's fewest victories since Bill McCartney's third

Buffalo team went 1-10 in 1984.

CU needs playmakers to complement senior running back Hugh Charles. A dynamic talent who had 25 runs of 10 yards or more last year, the 5'8" Charles is fast, strong and elusive. He has not shown the ability to be an every-down back, though, and CU needs other backs to help. Hawkins, a former blocking fullback, always expects to have a solid running attack.

The receivers struggled with injuries, drops and inconsistent quarterbacking, and CU craves playmakers at the position. The team's leading receiver in 2006 was tight end Riar Geer, who totaled 24 catches.

Offense (7)

WR	4 Patrick Williams (Jr.)	10 Bernard Jackson (Sr.)
WR	17 Alvin Barnett (Sr.)	83 Dusty Sprague (Sr.)
LT	77 Tyler Polumbus (Sr.)	Ryan Miller (Fr.)
LG	65 Wes Palazzi (Fr.)	61 Erick Faatagi (Jr.)
C	75 Daniel Sanders (Jr.)	56 Keenan Stevens (Fr.)
RG	72 Devin Head (So.)	Blake Behrens (Fr.)
RT	76 Edwin Harrison (Sr.)	Sione Tau (Fr.)
TE	87 Riar Geer (So.)	84 Tyson DeVree (Sr.)
QB	7 Cody Hawkins (Fr.)	3 Nick Nelson (Jr.)
FB	32 Maurice Cantrell (Jr.)	43 Samson Jagoras (Sr.)
RB	2 Hugh Charles (Sr.)	27 Byron Ellis (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	91 Maurice Lucas (Jr.)	49 Drew Hudgins (Jr.)
DT	86 George Hypolite (Jr.)	97 Taj Kaynor (So.)
NT	94 Brandon Nicolas (Jr.)	78 Jason Brace (So.)
DE	47 Alonzo Barrett (Sr.)	90 Marquez McKay (Fr.)
OLB	10 Michael Sipili (So.)	34 R.J. Brown (Jr.)
ILB	44 Jordon Dizon (Sr.)	54 Marcus Burton (Jr.)
OLB	40 Brad Jones (Jr.)	59 B.J. Beatty (Fr.)
CB	26 Terrence Wheatley (Sr.)	23 Jalil Brown (Fr.)
CB	42 Benjamin Burney (Jr.)	6 Gardner McKay (Jr.)
SS	25 Lionel Harris (Sr.)	9 Daniel Dykes (Jr.)
FS	15 Ryan Walters (Jr.)	30 Joel Adams (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	39 Kevin Eberhart (Sr.)	KR	2 Hugh Charles (Sr.)
P	14 Matthew DiLallo (So.)	PR	1 Stephone Robinson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bernard Jackson, 219-108-1,298-7, 7 TDs
 Rushing: Hugh Charles, 139 car., 779 yds., 1 TD
 Receiving: Riar Geer, 24 rec., 261 yds., 3 TDs
 Tackles: Jordon Dizon, 137, 80 solo
 Sacks: Jordon Dizon, 4
 Interceptions: Terrence Wheatley, 5 for 26 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Colorado State	*
S. 8	at Arizona State	L
S. 15	Florida State	L
S. 22	Miami (OH)	W
S. 29	Oklahoma	L
O. 6	at Baylor	W
O. 13	at Kansas State	L
O. 20	Kansas	*
O. 27	at Texas Tech	L
N. 3	Missouri	L
N. 10	at Iowa State	*
N. 23	Nebraska	L

#Denver, CO

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Montana State	L	10-19
S. 9	at Colorado State	L	10-14
S. 16	Arizona State	L	3-21
S. 23	at Georgia	L	13-14
S. 30	at Missouri	L	13-28
O. 7	Baylor	(ot) L	31-34
O. 14	Texas Tech	W	30-6
O. 21	at Oklahoma	L	3-24
O. 28	at Kansas	L	15-20
N. 4	Kansas State	L	21-34
N. 11	Iowa State	W	33-16
N. 24	at Nebraska	L	14-37

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.3 ppg	107
Rushing	172.9 ypg	22
Passing	118.5 ypg	116
Total	291.4 ypg	102
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	56
Rushing	112.4 ypg	30
Passing	228.5 ypg	94
Total	340.9 ypg	66
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.67	17

Head Coach: Dan Hawkins

2006 Record (Big 12): 2-10 (2-6)



UCF KNIGHTS

NATIONAL FORECAST

62

C-USA EAST PREDICTION

2

Offense Since recovering from the throes of an 0-11 season in his first year in Orlando, George O'Leary's Golden Knights have had little trouble moving the football. Points? That's a separate issue. The Knights scored only 20 touchdowns in 50 trips to the red zone last year, a wide gap that included more than a few turnovers. This is senior signal-caller Kyle Israel's biggest task.

Israel, who started four of the final six games last season, is the only quarterback on the roster who has played in a game for the Knights. He owns a strong arm and makes a habit of creating first downs with his feet, but offensive coordinator Tim Salem wants him running less and waiting out the play more.

He'll be helped by the return of junior running back Kevin Smith, who has averaged 4.6 yards per carry in his career. Smith is a two-year starter with a chance to set several career rushing marks.

45,000

This is the Knights' new favorite number because it's the capacity of their new Bright House Networks Stadium. UCF will play its first on-campus football game on Sept. 15 against Texas.

Fortunately for all involved, UCF returns intact an offensive line that has a combined for 107 career starts. Senior tackle Josh Sitton is the leader of a group that has two experienced backups but might end up relying on one or two freshmen for depth.

Rocky Ross (36 receptions for 531 yards and 2 TDs in '06) is the veteran receiver, but he has yet to prove he can be a No. 1 target week-in and week-out. Israel needs senior Javid James to become more consistent or a trio of redshirt freshmen — Jevaughn Reams, Brian Watters or Jamar Newsome — to develop quickly.

Defense O'Leary made significant changes to his defensive coaching staff after UCF finished 106th in total defense last season. He added former Iowa State assistant John Skladany as his defensive coordinator and also brought in new secondary and line coaches. Now if only his players can tackle better, rush the passer and sew up coverage issues, all should be well.

Eight starters are back, including an intact secondary that struggled with last year's pass rush inefficiencies. Corners Joe Burnett and Johnell Neal are big-play talents, but their success — and UCF's — relies on ends Leger Douzable and Antonio Wallace applying pressure without needing blitz help.

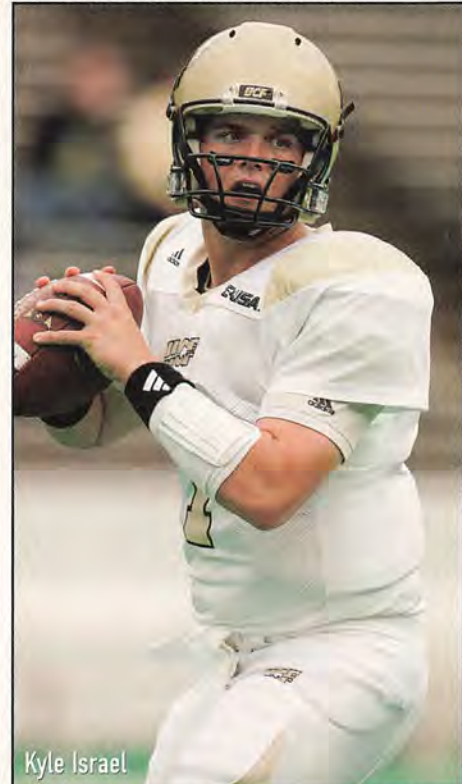
Added depth at tackle might make a difference. Keith Shologan, a senior with 33 career starts, is steady, while slimmed-up sophomore Torrell Johnson might be poised for a breakout year.

Jordan Richards and Steven Baker are linebackers returning from surgery (ankle and knee, respectively), and the Knights will require them to be faster and better positioned.

Specialists Kicker Michael Torres won two road games in '06 (at Marshall, at Memphis) with field goals but also missed several short attempts that sapped momentum. He'll start the season, but UCF junior soccer player Jake Howard will push him because of his leg strength. The Knights break in a new punter, freshman Blake Clingan.

Final Analysis UCF probably wasn't as good as the team that won Conference USA's East Division in 2005 or as bad as the one that went 4-8 last year. Combine the two and you get this year's team. The trick is to get back above .500 and get back into the postseason.

O'Leary is at his best when he's coming off the deck and thinks this year's squad could surprise people. Getting Israel to play turnover-free football is a central theme. If healthy, Kevin Smith will get his yards. Turning those yards into points is a must.



Kyle Israel

Offense (8)

WR	5 Rocky Ross (Jr.)	13 Jevaughn Reams (Fr.)
WR	18 Javid James (Sr.)	12 Willie Thornton (So.)
LT	78 Patrick Brown (Jr.)	75 Mike Buxton (Fr.)
LG	66 Jeremy DeVane (So.)	69 Dominic Ignelzi (Sr.)
C	79 Kyle Smith (Sr.)	62 Mike Lavoie (Jr.)
RG	63 L.J. Anderson (Jr.)	73 Ian Bustillo (So)
RT	70 Josh Sitton (Sr.)	76 Jah Reid (Fr.)
TE	85 Mike Merritt (Sr.)	84 Corey Rabazinski (So.)
QB	7 Kyle Israel (Sr.)	Michael Greco (So.)
FB	39 Shane Smith (So.)	33 Neal Bittong (Sr.)
RB	24 Kevin Smith (Jr.)	30 Phillip Smith (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	91 Leger Douzable (Sr.)	71 Emeka Okamkor (Sr.)
DT	98 Torrell Johnson (So.)	94 Wes Tunuofi Sauvao (Fr.)
DT	74 Keith Shologan (Sr.)	95 Travis Timmons (So.)
DE	44 Antonio Wallace (Jr.)	51 Jared Kirksey (Jr.)
SLB	59 Cory Hogue (Jr.)	58 Kyle Fowler (So.)
MLB	54 Chance Henderson (So.)	14 Steven Baker (Sr.)
WLB	56 Jordan Richards (Jr.)	10 Blake Carter (Sr.)
CB	31 Johnell Neal (Jr.)	20 Darin Baldwin (Fr.)
CB	19 Joe Burnett (Jr.)	22 Emery Allen (So.)
SS	29 Sha'reff Rashad (Jr.)	43 Keith Williams (Jr.)
FS	45 Jason Venson (Jr.)	37 Breon Rogers (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	4 Michael Torres (Sr.)	KR	21 Curtis Francis (Sr.)
P	Blake Clingan (Fr.)	PR	19 Joe Burnett (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle Israel, 166-108-1,420-5, 6 TDs
Rushing: Kevin Smith, 206 car, 934 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Rocky Ross, 36 rec., 531 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Johnell Neal, 66, 47 solo
Sacks: Leger Douzable, 7
Interceptions: Sha'reff Rashad, 4 for 65 yds

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at NC State	*
S. 15	Texas	L
S. 22	Memphis	W
S. 29	UL Lafayette	W
O. 6	at East Carolina	W
O. 13	at South Florida	L
O. 20	Tulsa	*
O. 28	at Southern Miss	*
N. 3	Marshall	*
N. 10	at UAB	W
N. 17	at SMU	*
N. 24	UTEP	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Villanova	W	35-16
S. 9	at Florida	L	0-42
S. 16	South Florida	L	17-24
S. 26	Southern Miss	L	14-19
O. 4	at Marshall	W	23-22
O. 13	Pittsburgh	L	7-52
O. 21	Rice	L	29-40
O. 28	at Houston	L	31-51
N. 4	East Carolina	L	10-23
N. 11	at Memphis	W	26-24
N. 18	at Tulane	L	9-10
N. 25	UAB	W	31-22

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.3 ppg	90
Rushing	139.4 ypg	55
Passing	233.8 ypg	30
Total	373.2 ypg	34
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.8 ppg	101
Rushing	149.3 ypg	81
Passing	248.8 ypg	111
Total	398.1 ypg	106
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	97

Head Coach: George O'Leary

2006 Record (C-USA): 4-8 (3-5)



NEW MEXICO

LOBOS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MWC PREDICTION

4

Offense Coach Rocky Long has become so accustomed to changing offenses — with four different schemes over the last four years — that he came up with a plan to ensure that the coaches and players enter 2007 on the same page. He pushed spring practice back until the last two-and-a-half weeks of the semester before finals. The delay gave new offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin ample time to teach the offensive assistants so that the staff would be ready to work with the players when spring ball rolled around. The concentrated session also forced the players to focus on a daily basis for better retention.

Having eight starters return also should help the Lobos' learning curve. The key is sophomore quarterback Donovan Porterie's understanding of Baldwin's spread-based scheme. New Mexico had to limit the offense last fall when Porterie was pressed into service in midseason, but he showed that he was adept at running the plays he knew.

All-MWC tailback Rodney Ferguson (1,234 yards in 2006) and All-MWC wide receiver Travis Brown return, along with starting receiver Marcus Smith and honors candidate tackles Anthony Kilby and Devin Clark up front.

its own at the line of scrimmage.

Inexperience won't be a problem this season with all three starters and eight of the top nine in UNM's three-man front returning in 2007. That doesn't include junior Kevin Balogun, who was competing for a starting job in 2006 before a torn Achilles' tendon wiped out his entire season. Size shouldn't be as much of a problem either; this unit has beefed up and could average as much as 25 pounds more per man in 2007.

UNM's starting linebacker corps also returns intact. The unit will be led by senior Cody Kase, who the coaches hope will fill the playmaking void left by graduated Lobo back Quincy Black, who actually played like a deep middle linebacker.

UNM is loaded with experienced defensive backs. The cover abilities of cornerbacks Glover Quin and DeAndre Wright will be key in UNM's ability to bring pressure.

Specialists The Lobos will be hard-pressed to replace All-MWC kicker Kenny Byrd. The competition is wide open in fall camp. Senior punter Jordan Scott looks to improve upon a steady 2006. UNM should have some dangerous returners in Wright and Smith.

Final Analysis The Lobos will lean on their defense early to carry them until their offense grasps the new scheme.

Long, who believes his last two teams lost some of the toughness that defined his three previous squads, will implement an unusual fall camp schedule that will increase the number of two-a-day practices to make his team mentally and physically stronger. That's what helped UNM's conference runner-up teams from 2002-04 overcome more talented teams in the league.

If the Lobos can reconnect with their rough-and-tumble roots, they're talented enough to challenge for the conference championship. If not, a middle-of-the-pack finish in the Mountain West looms.



Rodney Ferguson

Offense (8)

WR	4	Marcus Smith (Sr.)	Jermaine McQueen (Jr.)
WR	81	Travis Brown (Sr.)	88 Daryl Jones (So.)
LT	75	Anthony Kilby (Sr.)	Tyler Boyett (Jr.)
LG		Sylvester Hatten (Jr.)	Josh Waller (So.)
C	66	Vince Natali (Sr.)	69 Eric Cook (So.)
RG	69	Eric Cook (So.)	63 Matt Streid (Jr.)
RT	70	Devin Clark (Sr.)	77 Bart Miller (Sr.)
TE	85	Chris Mark (Jr.)	84 Luke Walters (So.)
QB	15	Donovan Porterie (So.)	14 Bryan Clappitt (Jr.)
FB	31	Matt Quillen (Jr.)	Josh Fussell (Fr.)
RB	21	Rodney Ferguson (Jr.)	6 Mike Love (Fr.)

Defense (10)

DE	41	Michael Tuohy (Sr.)	93 Kevin Balogun (Jr.)
NT	92	Wesley Beck (Jr.)	62 Phillip Harrison (So.)
DE	55	Tyler Donaldson (Sr.)	57 Stephen Hutchison (Sr.)
OLB	38	Major Mosley (Sr.)	36 Brett Madsen (Sr.)
MLB	47	Cody Kase (Sr.)	49 Zach Arnett (Jr.)
OLB	46	George Carter (Sr.)	50 Herbert Felder (Jr.)
CB	2	DeAndre Wright (Jr.)	26 Frankie Baca (So.)
CB	19	Glover Quin (Jr.)	Aaron Lenard (So.)
		Lobo 30 Ian Clark (So.)	Clint McPeck (So.)
S	9	Tyson Dittmore (Sr.)	29 Blake Ligon (Jr.)
S	34	O.J. Swift (Sr.)	24 Jerome Jenkins (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	Eric Garrison (Jr.)	KR	2 DeAndre Wright (Jr.)
P	39 Jordan Scott (Sr.)	PR	32 Paul Baker (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Donovan Porterie, 133-71-967-2, 6 TDs
Rushing: Rodney Ferguson, 252 car., 1,234 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Travis Brown, 64 rec., 867 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: O.J. Swift, 74, 37 solo
Sacks: Tyler Donaldson, 5
Interceptions: DeAndre Wright, 4 for 22 yds.

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21

Quarterback Donovan Porterie rallied UNM from a 21-point deficit (24-3) to a 34-31 win over Utah in only his second start last season. The comeback was the school's largest ever.

Defense Long believes he also has found an answer for UNM's substandard defensive performances the last two seasons; the unit finished 80th in the country in yards allowed last fall, 12 spots below its 2005 effort and far removed from the defenses that ranked in the top 30 from 2000-04. Long says the line — inexperienced and undersized — couldn't hold

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at UTEP	W
S. 8	New Mexico State	W
S. 15	at Arizona	L
S. 22	Sacramento State	W
S. 29	BYU	L
O. 13	at Wyoming	*
O. 20	at San Diego State	W
O. 25	Air Force	W
N. 3	at TCU	L
N. 10	Colorado State	W
N. 17	at Utah	L
N. 24	UNLV	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Portland State	L	6-17
S. 9	at New Mexico State	W	34-28
S. 16	Missouri	L	17-27
S. 23	UTEP	W	26-13
S. 30	at Air Force	L	7-24
O. 7	Wyoming	L	10-14
O. 14	at UNLV	(ot) W	39-36
O. 19	Utah	W	34-31
O. 28	at Colorado State	W	20-19
N. 11	TCU	L	21-27
N. 18	at BYU	L	17-42
N. 25	San Diego State	W	41-14
D. 23	#San Jose State	L	12-20

#New Mexico Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	74
Rushing	111.1 ypg	94
Passing	205.9 ypg	53
Total	316.9 ypg	83
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.0 ppg	68
Rushing	118.1 ypg	40
Passing	237.4 ypg	100
Total	355.5 ypg	80
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	46

Head Coach: Rocky Long

2006 Record (MWC): 6-7 (4-4)



WASHINGTON

HUSKIES

NATIONAL FORECAST
PAC-10 PREDICTION

64
9

Offense After four seasons without a bowl game or a winning record, Washington has entrusted its football fortunes to Jake Locker, a hugely talented newcomer. Big and fast, the redshirt freshman was handed the starting quarterbacking reins on the eve of spring practice and will be taking center snaps when the Huskies open the season at Syracuse.

As long as senior Louis Rankin stays healthy, the Huskies are in reasonable shape with their ground game. He's a breakaway threat who scored from 77 yards out against Washington State, went 68 yards to the end zone against San Jose State and snapped off a 44-yard gainer against Cal. Rankin is the lone tailback who boasts any game experience.

The only returning starter among the wide receivers is Anthony Russo, coming off a 32-catch season. Underachieving Corey Williams could take Russo's spot after enjoying a breakout spring. Senior Marcel Reece is finally looking more like a wide receiver than a linebacker after paring his weight from 265 to 240.

At tight end, juniors Michael Gottlieb and Johnie Kirton and senior Robert Lewis have shared the position. Each has started. None have stood out.

13

The Huskies will play 13 regular-season games this year. They've never played more than 12 in 119

previous seasons.

Locker should have the benefit of ample protection. His line is huge. Both tackles return in 6'8", 300-pound senior Chad Macklin and 6'6", 300-pound Ben Ossai, as does senior center, 6'3", 315-pound Juan Garcia. The new guards are hard to see over and around. Sophomore Morgan "The House" Rosborough tips the scales at 375, junior Casey Bulyca at 340, with both standing 6'6".

Defense The defensive front boasts the most experience of any unit on the team. All four first-team guys are back from the previous season. The ends are senior Greyson Gunheim, who will become a four-year starter, and sophomore Daniel Te'o-Nesheim. At tackle are seniors Jordan Reffett and Wilson Afoa.

The Huskies have only one first-teamer back at linebacker, but there are a host of guys with big-play potential seeking jobs. Holdover senior Dan Howell should be paired with sophomores E.J. Savannah and Donald Butler as the starters.

The secondary has been the Huskies' weakest area during the four-year downturn, and things might not improve much. Consider coach Tyrone Willingham's blunt assessment during spring practice: Senior cornerback Roy Lewis and junior free safety Jason Wells will likely retain their starting jobs, while the other first-unit positions won't be decided until all newcomers have reported in the fall.

Specialists It's all new feet for the Huskies, with junior college transfer Jared Ballman thrust into both punting and placekicking jobs, practically by default. "I didn't anticipate he'd be our kicker," Willingham says of Ballman, a 40.8-yard punter in junior college. Sophomore Ryan Perkins is slowly recovering from a serious knee injury that forced him to sit out the 2006 season.

Final Analysis The Huskies have definitive strengths and weaknesses. They also have a killer schedule, playing Boise State, Ohio State, UCLA and USC among their first five games.

Washington could field a better team than the year before, but not have the record to show for it. In Seattle, there is only one standard measure for improvement this season.

"I want us to be a bowl team," Willingham says. "We have to get there before we can get up the ladder."

That climb up the ladder might have to wait.



Jake Locker

Offense (6)

WR	5	Anthony Russo (Sr.)	29	Cody Ellis (Sr.)
WR	3	Marcel Reece (Sr.)	19	Quinton Daniels (Sr.)
WR	18	Corey Williams (Sr.)		Anthony Boyle (Fr.)
LT	79	Ben Ossai (So.)	69	Eric Berglund (Sr.)
LG	70	Morgan Rosborough (So.)	76	Jordan White-Frisbee (Jr.)
C	58	Juan Garcia (Sr.)	73	Ryan Bush (Jr.)
RG	72	Casey Bulyca (Jr.)	65	Ryan Tolar (Fr.)
RT	75	Chad Macklin (Sr.)	71	Cody Habben (Fr.)
TE	37	Johnie Kirton (Jr.)	86	Michael Gottlieb (Jr.)
QB	10	Jake Locker (Fr.)	11	Carl Bonnell (Sr.)
TB	9	Louis Rankin (Sr.)	24	J.R. Hasty (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	66	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim (So.)	59	Darrion Jones (So.)
DT	95	Jordan Reffett (Sr.)	56	Jovon O'Connor (Jr.)
DT	74	Wilson Afoa (Sr.)	99	Cameron Elisara (Fr.)
DE	7	Greyson Gunheim (Sr.)	85	Caesar Rayford (Sr.)
OLB	34	Dan Howell (Sr.)	36	Matt Houston (Fr.)
ILB	35	Donald Butler (So.)	57	Trenton Tuiasosopo (Jr.)
OLB	22	E.J. Savannah (So.)	29	Chris Stevens (Jr.)
CB		Byron Davenport (Jr.)	16	Jordan Murchison (Sr.)
CB	28	Roy Lewis (Sr.)	21	Desmond Davis (Sr.)
SS		Quintin Richardson (Fr.)	23	Mesphin Forrester (Jr.)
FS	26	Jason Wells (Jr.)	27	Jay Angotti (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	12	Jared Ballman (Jr.)	KR	28	Roy Lewis (Sr.)
P	12	Jared Ballman (Jr.)	PR	5	Anthony Russo (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Carl Bonnell, 164-72-916-11, 7 TDs
Rushing: Louis Rankin, 142 car., 666 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Anthony Russo, 32 rec., 552 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Roy Lewis, 66, 45 solo
Sacks: Greyson Gunheim, 6
Interceptions: Mesphin Forrester, 2 for 36 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 31	at Syracuse	*
S. 8	Boise State	L
S. 15	Ohio State	L
S. 22	at UCLA	L
S. 29	USC	L
O. 13	at Arizona State	L
O. 20	Oregon	L
O. 27	Arizona	L
N. 3	at Stanford	*
N. 10	at Oregon State	L
N. 17	California	L
N. 24	Washington State	*
D. 1	at Hawaii	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	San Jose State	W	35-29
S. 9	at Oklahoma	L	20-37
S. 16	Fresno State	W	21-20
S. 23	UCLA	W	29-19
S. 30	at Arizona	W	21-10
O. 7	at USC	L	20-26
O. 14	Oregon State	L	17-27
O. 21	at California	L	24-31
O. 28	Arizona State	L	23-26
N. 4	at Oregon	L	14-34
N. 11	Stanford	L	3-20
N. 18	at Washington State	W	35-32

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	76
Rushing	127.9 ypg	69
Passing	193.8 ypg	66
Total	321.8 ypg	74
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.9 ppg	85
Rushing	139.6 ypg	66
Passing	240.2 ypg	102
Total	379.8 ypg	95
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.67	104

Head Coach: Tyrone Willingham

2006 Record (Pac-10): 5-7 (3-6)



NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOLFPACK

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

6

Offense In recent seasons NC State has talked about becoming a more run-oriented team, only to go out and keep chucking the ball all over the field. Don't expect that to continue this season, with a new coach — Tom O'Brien — and a new offensive coordinator — Dana Bible — in Raleigh.

Instead, look for the running back trio of Toney Baker, Andre Brown and Jamelle Eugene to get plenty of carries this season. Though the offensive line lost three starters, young tackles Jeraill McCuller and Julian Williams have plenty of potential. McCuller and right guard Curtis Crouch — the team's top offensive lineman — form a massive right side that should become the favorite way for the Wolfpack to run.

When NC State does elect to go to the air, it's still not clear who will actually do the passing. Each of the three job candidates at quarterback has his warts. Right now fourth-year junior Daniel Evans has a slight lead over redshirt freshman Justin Burke and Nebraska transfer Harrison Beck.

Whoever does claim the quarterback job will have some talented options to throw the ball to. John Dunlap has size and leaping ability at one wideout position, while Darrell Blackman is the best big-play option the Wolfpack have at receiver.

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The Wolfpack had a turnover margin of -11 in 2006, committing 23 turnovers while forcing only 12.

Defense NC State will need a significant increase in its offensive production, because for the first time in several years, the Wolfpack defense may be the weak link on the team. The defensive line, which has churned out top draft picks, now has several question marks. NC State needs defensive tackle DeMario Pressley

finally to realize his potential and for long, lanky defensive end Willie Young to live up to the Manny Lawson comparisons. The line was dominated by the offensive line during the spring game. If the line doesn't play well, it could cause problems for a linebacking unit that is undersized and trying to replace leading tackler Pat Lowery.

There is good news for State on defense, though, and it comes in the form of an experienced secondary. The safeties in particular, Miguel Scott and Dajuan Morgan, should be the strength.

The question is whether the Wolfpack secondary can adjust to new defensive coordinator Mike Archer's zone schemes after spending the previous seasons playing bump-and-run, the preference of former coach Chuck Amato. The early indications from the spring game — four interceptions — were encouraging.

Specialists One of the few bright spots in 2006 was the work of Blackman on returns. He earned first-team All-ACC honors as a return specialist. The kicking game will be all new now that jack-of-all-trades John Deraney has graduated. Taking over on field goals will be redshirt freshman Josh Czajkowski, while the punting duties will likely be handed to junior college transfer Jeff Ruiz.

Final Analysis NC State pulled a 180 when it hired the buttoned-down O'Brien to replace the flashy Amato. The hope in Raleigh is that O'Brien, who made a reputation at Boston College for getting the most out of his talent, will be able to do the same for a Wolfpack squad that has been long on potential but short on results in recent years.

It may be a while before O'Brien's arrival can pay dividends, though, because the early schedule certainly did him no favorites. The Wolfpack play Boston College, Clemson, Louisville and Florida State in their first six games.



Toney Baker

Offense (8)

WR	1 John Dunlap (Sr.)	80 Donald Bowens (So.)
WR	2 Darrell Blackman (Sr.)	5 Jarvis Williams (Fr.)
LT	73 Julian Williams (So.)	63 Garret Kline (Sr.)
LG	69 Kalani Heppie (Sr.)	60 Meares Green (Jr.)
C	72 Luke Lathan (Sr.)	74 Andy Barbee (So.)
RG	76 Curtis Crouch (Jr.)	66 Yomi Ojo (Sr.)
RT	50 Jeraill McCuller (So.)	71 Gary Gregory (Fr.)
TE	83 Anthony Hill (Sr.)	9 Marcus Stone (Sr.)
QB	7 Daniel Evans (Jr.)	10 Justin Burke (Fr.)
FB	46 Pat Bedics (Sr.)	26 Ced Hickman (Fr.)
RB	22 Toney Baker (Jr.)	24 Andre Brown (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	41 Martrel Brown (Sr.)	11 Audi Augustin (Fr.)
DT	92 DeMario Pressley (Sr.)	93 John Bedics (Jr.)
DT	91 Ted Larsen (So.)	49 Alan-Michael Cash (So.)
DE	97 Willie Young (So.)	98 Littleton Wright (Sr.)
SLB	52 LeRue Rumph (Sr.)	56 Nate Irving (Fr.)
MLB	95 James Martin II (Sr.)	44 Ray Michel (So.)
WLB	5 Ernest Jones (Sr.)	45 John Ware (Fr.)
CB	8 Jimmie Sutton (Sr.)	30 Jeremy Gray (Jr.)
CB	6 Levin Neal (Jr.)	14 J.C. Neal (Jr.)
ROV	7 Dajuan Morgan (Jr.)	4 Javon Walker (Fr.)
FS	25 Miguel Scott (Sr.)	32 Jimmaul Simmons (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	36 Josh Czajkowski (Fr.)	KR	2 Darrell Blackman (Sr.)
P	Jeff Ruiz (Jr.)	PR	2 Darrell Blackman (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Daniel Evans, 307-163-1,843-11, 6 TDs
Rushing: Toney Baker, 157 car., 688 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Anthony Hill, 45 rec., 478 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles: Two players tied with 59
Sacks: Martrel Brown, 7
Interceptions: Dajuan Morgan, 2 for 0 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	UCF	*
S. 8	at Boston College	L
S. 15	Wofford	W
S. 22	Clemson	*
S. 29	Louisville	L
O. 6	at Florida State	L
O. 20	at East Carolina	W
O. 27	Virginia	*
N. 3	at Miami	L
N. 10	North Carolina	W
N. 17	at Wake Forest	L
N. 24	Maryland	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Appalachian State	W	23-10
S. 9	Akron	L	17-20
S. 16	at Southern Miss	L	17-37
S. 23	Boston College	W	17-15
O. 5	Florida State	W	24-20
O. 14	Wake Forest	L	23-25
O. 21	at Maryland	L	20-26
O. 28	at Virginia	L	7-14
N. 4	Georgia Tech	L	23-31
N. 11	at Clemson	L	14-20
N. 18	at North Carolina	L	9-23
N. 25	East Carolina	L	16-21

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.5 ppg	101
Rushing	119.7 ypg	79
Passing	182.3 ypg	81
Total	302.0 ypg	97
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	50
Rushing	150.5 ypg	85
Passing	166.7 ypg	13
Total	317.2 ypg	36
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	112

Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

2006 Record (ACC): 3-9 (2-6)



NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

66
8

Offense C.J. Bacher brought life to a dormant offense late last fall. If he can limit interceptions, his first full season at quarterback should kick-start a talented unit that averaged a league-low 16.5 points per game in 2006. Second-year coordinator Garrick McGee can expand the playbook with Bacher, star running back Tyrell Sutton and a host of others at his disposal. Sutton comes off his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season despite getting 61 fewer carries than he did in 2005.

Northwestern's deep and versatile receiving corps includes uber-athlete Andrew Brewer, who started three games at quarterback last year before switching over to wideout. The line is iffy after struggling with injuries and transition last season. Following back-to-back top 10 finishes in fewest sacks allowed, Northwestern tied for 73rd nationally last fall, surrendering 26 sacks. The Wildcats must build depth up front and find a starter at right tackle.

Ball security is a must for Northwestern, which committed more than one turnover in eight games and five turnovers in three games last season.

Linebacker play has been Northwestern's strong suit, but graduation losses have softened the defense's midsection. Weak-side linebacker could be the team's most intense position battle. Three starters return in the secondary, which could finally have the right mix of experience and talent. Cornerback Sherrick McManis and free safety Brendan Smith form one of the Big Ten's top playmaking tandems, combining for four interceptions and nine pass breakups in 2006. The defense must limit third-down conversions and generate more turnovers.

Specialists Special teams breakdowns can be traced to losses in each of the last four seasons. Northwestern hopes scholarship kicker Stefan Demos can end the trend. Demos, who redshirted in 2006, will handle field goals, kickoffs and possibly the punting duties. McManis, one of the league's top all-around special teamers, will serve as Northwestern's primary kick returner after averaging 21 yards per runback last year. Smith will return punts, and several others, including Brewer, Brandon Roberson and freshman Jordan Mabin, will compete for return opportunities.

Final Analysis After a year of transition and tragedy that saw Randy Walker's sudden death and Pat Fitzgerald's quick transition to head coach, Northwestern is looking ahead. With 14 starters back and the quarterback situation resolved, the Wildcats are targeting a bowl bid and restoring their Big Ten consistency. Bacher should be able to trim turnovers in his first full season at quarterback, and with several playmakers at his disposal, Northwestern can revitalize the spread offense. The defense is experienced but must generate more turnovers.

Northwestern plays seven home games for the first time in 61 years and skips both Penn State and Wisconsin. The Wildcats open league play with heavyweights Ohio State and Michigan, but if they maintain their confidence and sweep an easy non-conference schedule, they will be in position for a bowl berth.



Tyrell Sutton

6 C.J. Bacher threw six touchdown passes in the final five games after Northwestern's quarterbacks had combined for only one scoring strike in the first seven contests.

Defense Recent history squashes any optimism on this side of the ball, but Northwestern made strides late last season and returns eight starters. The Wildcats are gradually transitioning to the 3-4, but their depth and experience up front should dictate mostly base 4-3 sets this fall. Defensive end Corey Wootton headlines the front four after adding 10 pounds of muscle this winter, boosting his mammoth frame to 6'7", 285 pounds.

Offense (6)

WR 12 Andrew Brewer (So.)	88 Carl Fisher (Fr.)
WR 10 Eric Peterman (Jr.)	7 Jeff Yarbrough (Jr.)
WR 9 Ross Lane (Jr.)	87 Tonjua Jones (Sr.)
WR 8 Rasheed Ward (Jr.)	84 Kim Thompson (Sr.)
LT 74 Dylan Thiry (Sr.)	68 Tyler Compton (So.)
LG 77 Adam Crum (Sr.)	76 Desmond Taylor (So.)
C 50 Trevor Rees (Sr.)	63 Keegan Grant (Fr.)
RG 52 Joel Belding (Jr.)	60 Ramon Diaz (So.)
RT 78 Kurt Mattes (So.)	66 Mike Boyle (Fr.)
QB 18 C.J. Bacher (Jr.)	13 Mike Kafka (So.)
RB 19 Tyrell Sutton (Jr.)	29 Omar Conteh (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE 99 Corey Wootton (So.)	72 David Ngene (Sr.)
DT 70 John Gill (Jr.)	67 Marshall Thomas (So.)
DT 79 Adam Hahn (So.)	92 Keegan Kennedy (Jr.)
DE 95 Kevin Mims (Jr.)	91 Mark Koehn (Sr.)
SLB 40 Eddie Simpson (Sr.)	41 Quentin Davie (Fr.)
MLB 43 Adam Kadela (Sr.)	57 Nate Williams (Fr.)
WLB 31 Mike Dinard (Jr.)	51 Bryce McNaul (Fr.)
CB 22 Deante Battle (Sr.)	28 Justan Vaughn (Fr.)
CB 24 Sherrick McManis (So.)	26 Jordan Mabin (Fr.)
SS 39 Brendan Smith (Jr.)	17 Brad Phillips (So.)
FS 27 Reggie McPherson (Sr.)	45 Ben Rothrauff (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 1 Stefan Demos (Fr.)	KR 24 Sherrick McManis (So.)
P 1 Stefan Demos (Fr.)	PR 39 Brendan Smith (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: C.J. Bacher, 161-95-1,172-8, 6 TDs
 Rushing: Tyrell Sutton, 189 car., 1,000 yds., 5 TDs
 Receiving: Tyrell Sutton, 40 rec., 261 yds., 2 TDs
 Tackles: Adam Kadela, 80, 45 solo; Brendan Smith, 68, 48 solo
 Sacks: Corey Wootton, 5
 Interceptions: Brendan Smith, 3 for 82 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Northeastern	W
S. 8 Nevada	W
S. 15 Duke	W
S. 22 at Ohio State	L
S. 29 Michigan	L
O. 6 at Michigan State	*
O. 13 Minnesota	*
O. 20 #Eastern Michigan	W
O. 27 at Purdue	L
N. 3 Iowa	*
N. 10 Indiana	L
N. 17 at Illinois	*

Detroit, MI
 Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Miami (Ohio)	W	21-3
S. 9 New Hampshire	L	17-34
S. 16 Eastern Michigan	W	14-6
S. 22 at Nevada	L	21-31
S. 30 at Penn State	L	7-33
O. 7 at Wisconsin	L	9-41
O. 14 Purdue	L	10-31
O. 21 Michigan State	L	38-41
O. 28 at Michigan	L	3-17
N. 4 at Iowa	W	21-7
N. 11 Ohio State	L	10-54
N. 18 Illinois	W	27-16

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.5 ppg	106
Rushing	142.1 ypg	52
Passing	169.0 ypg	93
Total	311.1 ypg	92
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.2 ppg	88
Rushing	158.3 ypg	93
Passing	204.2 ypg	61
Total	362.5 ypg	85
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	97

Head Coach: Pat Fitzgerald

2006 Record (Big Ten): 4-8 (2-6)



ILLINOIS

FIGHTING ILLINI

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

67
9

Offense It might surprise some that Illinois led the Big Ten in rushing in 2006. But only one of the top three tailbacks returns, and he will need to stay healthy. Rashard Mendenhall showed flashes of greatness projected for him as a Chicago-area prep star. Mendenhall averaged a gaudy 8.2 yards per carry en route to a 640-yard season, and his 86-yard touchdown run against Northwestern was the fourth-longest in school history.

Though the job is technically open, Juice Williams will be the starting quarterback in the opener against Missouri. Williams completed less than 40 percent of his passes during the 2006 season, but when the coaches counted all the drops and throwaways, they put the real number at over 60 percent. Last time Ron Zook started a true freshman quarterback, it was Florida's Chris Leak. That move worked out well for the Gators. While not predicting a national title during Williams' tenure, Zook is his quarterback's greatest supporter.

39.5

Juice Williams completed only 39.5 percent of his passes as a freshman starter. Illini great Kurt Kittner hit only 44 percent his freshman season.

No area on offense needed more help than receiver. And no area got a greater influx of talent during the spring. Arrelious Benn, considered among the nation's elite prep seniors, enrolled at Illinois in January and dazzled his new teammates. Kyle Hudson is a returning starter who led the team in catches.

New line coach Eric Wolford welcomes back four starters from 2006. Not that Wolford cared much about that. With the unit last in the Big Ten in sacks allowed, no positions are guaranteed.

Defense Only two players in the country averaged more tackles per game in 2006 than J Leman's 12.67. Leman, a first-team All-Big Ten linebacker last fall, has gone from local product (Champaign Central High School) playing at Big State U. to pro football prospect. He drew the praise of former Ohio State great Chris Spielman, who caught Leman's 19-tackle effort against No. 1 Ohio State.

The line, which has been a liability for the Illini in past seasons, could become a strength. Anchored by three-year starting tackle Chris Norwell, the unit is expected to make gains in sacks and quarterback pressures.

The Illinois coaches feel a lot better about cornerback thanks to the rookie performance of Vontae Davis. The Illini have three returning starters for the two safety positions. Seniors Kevin Mitchell, Justin Harrison and Justin Sanders will all see plenty of playing time.

Specialists Kicker Jason Reda returns after hitting 15-of-19 field goals in 2006. That's the good news. The bad news is the punting game, which was 117th in the nation in net yardage. Zook took a look at sophomores Jared Bosch and Kyle Yelton. A decision won't be made until the opener.

Final Analysis As far as Illinois is concerned, the number two has got to go. Two years with Zook in charge. Two wins each season. But few are blaming the current head coach. After a banner recruiting season that saw his group ranked among the nation's top 20, Illinois fans are ready to jump in. But the head coach is quick to caution about the youth of his rebuilding team. Seven projected starters are freshmen or sophomores. Many more will need to contribute if Zook's team is to break through with its first winning record since 2001. Since they arrived, the Illinois coaches have talked about the four stages of rebuilding — lose big, lose close, win close, win big. If they follow the pattern, the 17–10 and 34–32 losses of 2006 will turn into close victories.



Juice Williams

Offense (6)

WR	9	Arrelious Benn (Fr.)	6	Chris James (So.)
WR	21	Kyle Hudson (Jr.)	82	Frank Lenti Jr. (Sr.)
WR	8	DaJuan Warren (Sr.)	11	Joe Morgan (So.)
LT	69	Akim Millington (Sr.)	78	Ryan Palmer (Fr.)
LG	64	Martin O'Donnell (Sr.)	66	Randall Hunt (Fr.)
C	60	Ryan McDonald (Jr.)	62	Eric Block (Jr.)
RG	52	Jon Asamoah (So.)	74	Brandon Jordan (Fr.)
RT	76	Charles Myles (Sr.)	68	Xavier Fulton (Jr.)
TE	17	Jeff Cumberland (So.)	16	Mike Hoomanawanui (So.)
QB	7	Juice Williams (So.)	10	Eddie McGee (Fr.)
RB	5	Rashard Mendenhall (Jr.)		Derries Hodge (Fr.)

Defense (9)

DE	91	Derek Walker (Jr.)	90	Antonio James (So.)
DT	96	Chris Norwell (Sr.)	76	Mike Ware (Sr.)
DT	94	David Lindquist (Jr.)	56	Sirod Williams (Jr.)
DE	95	Doug Pilcher (So.)	81	Will Davis (Jr.)
LB	47	J Leman (Sr.)	43	Sam Carson (Jr.)
LB	44	Brit Miller (Jr.)		Martez Wilson (Fr.)
LB	40	Antonio Steele (Sr.)	51	Anthony Thornhill (Sr.)
CB	1	Vontae Davis (So.)	27	Antonio Gully (Fr.)
CB	31	Travon Bellamy (So.)	15	Chris Duval (So.)
FS	32	Justin Harrison (Sr.)	25	Justin Sanders (Sr.)
SS	42	Kevin Mitchell (Sr.)	20	Bo Flowers (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	13	Jason Reda (Sr.)	KR	15	Chris Duval (So.)
P	37	Kyle Yelton (So.)	PR	13	Will Judson (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Juice Williams, 261-103-1,489-9, 9 TDs
Rushing: Rashard Mendenhall, 78 car., 640 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Kyle Hudson, 30 rec., 403 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: J Leman, 152, 75 solo; Antonio Steele, 85, 24 solo
Sacks: Derek Walker, 5.5; Chris Norwell, 5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	#Missouri	L
S. 8	Western Illinois	W
S. 15	at Syracuse	W
S. 22	at Indiana	*
S. 29	Penn State	L
O. 6	Wisconsin	L
O. 13	at Iowa	L
O. 20	Michigan	L
O. 27	Ball State	W
N. 3	at Minnesota	*
N. 10	at Ohio State	L
N. 17	Northwestern	*
	#St. Louis, MO	

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Eastern Illinois	W	42-17
S. 9	at Rutgers	L	0-33
S. 16	Syracuse	L	21-31
S. 23	Iowa	L	7-24
S. 30	at Michigan State	W	23-20
O. 7	Indiana	L	32-34
O. 14	Ohio	L	17-20
O. 21	at Penn State	L	12-26
O. 28	at Wisconsin	L	24-30
N. 4	Ohio State	L	10-17
N. 11	Purdue	L	31-42
N. 18	at Northwestern	L	16-27

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.6 ppg	88
Rushing	188.8 ypg	10
Passing	156.5 ypg	105
Total	345.3 ypg	57
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	91
Rushing	127.9 ypg	51
Passing	182.3 ypg	31
Total	310.2 ypg	33
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.25	117

Head Coach: Ron Zook

2006 Record (Big Ten): 2-10 (1-7)



WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC WEST PREDICTION

68
2

Offense The Broncos thrived last year in large part because of the NCAA's decision to grant quarterback Ryan Cubit a sixth year of eligibility. Now, WMU must find a replacement from among three hopefuls — senior Thomas Peregrin, sophomore Tim Hiller and redshirt freshman Drew Burdi — none of whom distinguished himself during the spring. Whoever wins the derby gets to throw to proven targets Herb Martin, Jamarko Simmons and tight end Branden Ledbetter, although none is a gamebreaker. Perhaps speedy junior college import Schneider Julien can fill that role.

Senior Mark Bonds is back to reprise his great (1,082 rushing yards) '06 season. Bonds is a strong interior runner who can get loose at times and teams with speedy sophomore Brandon West in a dynamic ground attack.

They'll work behind an experienced line that returns four starters, most notably standout center Robbie Krutilla, who began last year on the Rimington Watch list and will likely be there again. WMU allowed only 1.31 sacks a game last year, best in the MAC.

175.2

The Broncos trimmed 175.2 yards from their total defense

average last year. Should WMU continue its stout play on that side, a repeat bowl trip is quite possible.

Defense One thing stands out immediately on the Bronco depth chart: Every projected starter is a junior. In fact, there are only two seniors on the entire two-deep. But there are some questions, most notably, who will pick up the sack slack for departed outside backer Ameer Ismail (nation's-best 17 sacks)?

Up front, end Zach Davidson will take a shot at it. He nailed eight quarterbacks last

year. The Broncos hope converted outside backer Greg Marshall brings speed to the other side, while tackles Cory Flom and Nick Varcadipane are solid.

Team defensive MVP Dustin Duclo returns in the middle, but he'll have two new mates flanking him. Austin Pritchard showed flashes of promise last year, while Cornelius Robinson is something of an unknown quantity but does have good speed.

The secondary returns all four starters to a unit that helped the Broncos grab 24 interceptions, best in the country. Leading the way is corner Londen Fryar, a first-team All-MAC choice who had five picks last year. Safety C.J. Wilson is another standout and was second on the team in tackles in '06 (62) and had three picks.

Specialists This isn't exactly a strength for the Broncos. Kicker Mike Jones has tried only one field goal (a successful 22-yarder) in his career, while punter Jim Laney averaged a mediocre 38.2 yards per boot in '06. The punt return job is wide open, with E.J. Biggers the main candidate right now.

Final Analysis Western must find a quarterback quickly this summer and hope he can pass well enough to keep defenses from piling players near the line to stop Bonds and West. Peregrin looked good during his five games of service last year and is the favorite, but Hiller threw 20 TD passes in '05 and was the league's top freshman.

The defense was aggressive and productive last year, but two factors could force a step backward. One is Ismail's departure. The other was coordinator Scott Shafer's decision to take the same spot at Stanford. New defensive boss Bill Miller must find a way to revamp the pass rush without exposing his secondary too much. There's a lot of talent in the defensive backfield, but nobody can cover forever.

Coach Bill Cubit has a strong program. The next step is to become a postseason fixture.



Londen Fryar

Offense (8)

WR 27 Jamarko Simmons (Jr.)	4 Jamelle Murray (Fr.)
WR 28 Chris Maragos (So.)	Juan Nunez (Fr.)
WR 7 Herb Martin (Sr.)	83 Jordan White (Fr.)
LT 67 Rob Johnson (Jr.)	56 Andy Laue (So.)
LG 76 Steve Ellingsen (Jr.)	62 Matt Williams (Sr.)
C 78 Robbie Krutilla (Sr.)	63 Paul Wasikowski (So.)
RG 62 Matt Williams (Sr.)	65 Phillip Swanson (Fr.)
RT 75 James Blair (Sr.)	61 Nick Clemens (Fr.)
TE 82 Branden Ledbetter (Jr.)	84 Matt Stevens (So.)
QB 14 Thomas Peregrin (Sr.)	3 Tim Hiller (So.)
RB 34 Mark Bonds (Sr.)	2 Brandon West (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 54 Greg Marshall (Jr.)	96 Mark Berghuis (So.)
DT 98 Cory Flom (Jr.)	91 Grant Nemeth (Jr.)
DT 99 Nick Varcadipane (Jr.)	68 Cody Cielenski (So.)
DE 90 Zach Davidson (Jr.)	48 Justin Braska (So.)
OLB 19 Cornelius Robinson (Jr.)	30 Matt Buskirk (So.)
MLB 59 Dustin Duclo (Jr.)	50 Garrett Sosnovich (Jr.)
OLB 35 Austin Pritchard (Jr.)	Rudy Robinson (Fr.)
CB 1 E.J. Biggers (Jr.)	46 Desman Stephen (Jr.)
CB 6 Londen Fryar (Jr.)	15 Dorcelly (So.)
SS 26 C.J. Wilson (Jr.)	38 Anthony Gebhart, (Sr.)
FS 9 Louis Delmas (Jr.)	21 Antwain Allen (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 17 Mike Jones (Sr.)	KR 2 Brandon West (So.)
P 39 Jim Laney (Sr.)	PR 1 E.J. Biggers (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Thomas Peregrin, 39-27-189-0, 3 TDs
Rushing: Mark Bonds, 252 car., 1,082 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Jamarko Simmons, 61 rec., 688 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: C.J. Wilson, 62, 36 solo
Sacks: Zach Davidson, 8
Interceptions: Londen Fryar, 5 for 123 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at West Virginia	L
S. 8 Indiana	*
S. 15 at Missouri	L
S. 22 Central Conn. State	W
S. 29 at Toledo	*
O. 6 Akron	W
O. 13 at Northern Illinois	W
O. 20 Ball State	W
O. 27 at Eastern Michigan	W
N. 6 Central Michigan	*
N. 17 at Iowa	L
N. 24 Temple	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Indiana	L	20-39
S. 9 Toledo	W	31-10
S. 16 at Virginia	W	17-10
S. 23 Temple	W	41-7
O. 7 at Ohio	L	20-27
O. 14 Northern Illinois	W	16-14
O. 21 at Ball State	W	41-27
O. 28 Eastern Michigan	W	18-15
N. 4 Miami (Ohio)	W	27-24
N. 10 at Central Michigan	L	7-31
N. 18 at Florida State	L	20-28
N. 24 at Akron	W	17-0
J. 6 #at Cincinnati	L	24-27

#International Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	64
Rushing	134.7 ypg	56
Passing	184.9 ypg	77
Total	319.5 ypg	78
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.9 ppg	39
Rushing	76.1 ypg	6
Passing	199.3 ypg	57
Total	275.4 ypg	11
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+0.92	7

Head Coach: Bill Cubit

2006 Record (MAC): 8-5 (6-2)



SMU

MUSTANGS

NATIONAL FORECAST
69
C-USA WEST PREDICTION
3

Offense If sophomore quarterback Justin Willis, Conference USA's Freshman of the Year, can post similar numbers to last year's — and get some help from the SMU running game — the Mustangs could become one of the league's more potent units.

Willis passed for 2,047 yards and 26 touchdowns as a freshman and broke the school record of 21 TD passes set in 1968 by Chuck Hixson. With better depth at receiver, which includes the return of standout sophomore Emmanuel Sanders, Willis could threaten his own record this fall. Sanders, a member of the league's all-freshman team, was slowed in the spring after coming off knee surgery but had six catches for 34 yards and a TD in the spring game. He set a school record for freshman with nine TD receptions.

The key to SMU's bowl chances could be on the ground. SMU ranked eighth in the conference in rushing (125.3 yards per game) and scored a league-low seven rushing touchdowns. The Mustangs' inability to score on two 1st-and-goal opportunities from the 1-yard line in a season-ending loss at Rice cost them a bowl trip. Junior DeMyron Martin is part of a deep backfield that includes James Mapps and Fred Turner, two backs who posted 100-yard games a year ago while Martin was on the mend from a foot injury.

All three SMU linebackers return, including Reggie Carrington, whom Bennett calls the league's best. Carrington and outside linebackers Tony Hawkins and Wilton McCray combined for 25 tackles for a loss and helped SMU lead C-USA in the category.

The Ponies welcome back three defensive backs who started at least three games last season, including both corners: Bryan McCann and Jonathan Lindley. McCann was a member of the league's all-freshman team last year. He appeared in 11 games and started three of the last four games of the season. Lindley, who became a starter last fall as a junior, was active, too, breaking up six passes and returning a fumble 80 yards for a touchdown against UTEP.

Specialists SMU should field one of the conference's top return games. Jessie Henderson, a freshman All-American in 2005, will be back after missing most of last season with a foot injury. As a freshman, Henderson led C-USA with a 27.6 kickoff return average. The Mustangs' kicking game will be in junior Thomas Morstead's hands. He'll handle both the placekicking and punting duties, as he did in 2006. Morstead ranked first in the conference in punting (43.8 yards) and connected on 13-of-18 field goal attempts.

Final Analysis While the Mustangs aren't talented enough to make a run at a national title like they did in the early 1980s, they are capable of taking the program's next step: breaking a 23-year bowl drought and battling for a division crown.

SMU was position to win Conference USA's West Division title last November, a remarkable achievement for a program that was winless in 2003 and hasn't had a winning season since 1997. Their optimism this fall is based on several factors, not the least of them an abundance of playmakers — from Willis, Sanders and Martin to Muse, Carrington and Henderson.



Justin Willis

Offense (6)

WR	3 Devin Lowery (Sr.)	5 Zach Zimmerman (So.)
WR	17 Emmanuel Sanders (So.)	25 Morgan Hudnall (Fr.)
WR	84 Zack Sledge (Sr.)	10 Zach Rhodes (Fr.)
LT	66 Ben Poynter (Sr.)	64 Chase Smith (So.)
LG	74 Sean Lobo (Jr.)	67 Tommy Poynter (Jr.)
C	51 Mitch Enright (So.)	62 Joe Holmes (Sr.)
RG	50 Caleb Peveto (Sr.)	63 Brad Lankford (So.)
RT	76 Kenard Burley (Sr.)	55 Lucky DeLay (Sr.)
TE	86 Vincent Chase (Jr.)	45 Andrew McKinney (Jr.)
QB	16 Justin Willis (So.)	12 Corey Slater (Jr.)
RB	8 DeMyron Martin (Jr.)	20 James Mapps (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	94 Patrick Handy (Jr.)	40 Justin Smart (Fr.)
DT	92 Charlie Berry (Sr.)	46 Zac Thomas (Fr.)
NG	93 Chris Parham (Fr.)	56 Ryan Leonard (Fr.)
DE	11 Cory Muse (Sr.)	91 Kyle Griffin (Jr.)
SLB	38 Tony Hawkins (Sr.)	27 Will Bonilla (Jr.)
MLB	53 Reggie Carrington (Sr.)	44 Damon Hurst (Sr.)
WLB	5 Wilton McCray (Sr.)	27 Will Bonilla (Jr.)
CB	6 Bryan McCann (So.)	22 Brandon Jones (Sr.)
CB	21 Jonathan Lindley (Sr.)	22 Brandon Jones (Sr.)
SS	28 Bryce Hudman (So.)	33 Benson Sloan (So.)
FS	10 Rock Dennis (Jr.)	7 David Haynes (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	15 Thomas Morstead (Jr.)	KR	9 Jessie Henderson (Jr.)
P	15 Thomas Morstead (Jr.)	PR	17 Emmanuel Sanders (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Justin Willis, 270-182-2,047-6, 26 TDs
Rushing: DeMyron Martin, 92 car., 369 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Emmanuel Sanders, 46 rec., 605 yds., 9 TDs
Tackles: Reggie Carrington, 80, 60 solo
Sacks: Cory Muse, 7
Interceptions: Devin Lowery, 3 for 15 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Layne Murdoch Jr.

1 The Mustangs have had only one winning season since coming off the NCAA-imposed 'Death Penalty' in 1989.

Defense The bulk of the defense's personnel losses from last season were up front, but the Mustangs do return an all-conference performer in defensive end Cory Muse. A 6'3", 250-pound senior, Muse earned second-team all-conference honors last year after being part of a unit that ranked first in the league against the run.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 3	Texas Tech	L
S. 8	North Texas	W
S. 15	at Arkansas State	W
S. 22	at TCU	L
S. 29	UTEP	W
O. 13	at Southern Miss	L
O. 20	Tulane	W
O. 27	at Tulsa	L
N. 4	at Houston	L
N. 10	Rice	W
N. 17	UCF	*
N. 24	at Memphis	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Texas Tech	L	3-35
S. 9	at North Texas	L	6-24
S. 16	Sam Houston State	W	45-14
S. 23	Arkansas State	W	55-9
S. 30	at Tulane	W	33-28
O. 7	at UTEP	L	21-24
O. 14	Marshall	W	31-21
O. 21	at East Carolina	L	21-38
O. 31	UAB	W	22-9
N. 11	Houston	L	27-37
N. 18	Tulsa	W	34-24
N. 25	at Rice	L	27-31

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.1 ppg	40
Rushing	125.3 ypg	75
Passing	194.3 ypg	65
Total	319.5 ypg	79
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.5 ppg	71
Rushing	107.5 ypg	24
Passing	245.8 ypg	110
Total	353.3 ypg	75
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: Phil Bennett

2006 Record (C-USA): 6-6 (4-4)



IOWA STATE CYCLONES

NATIONAL FORECAST

70

BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

6

Offense Iowa State thought it had all the pieces in place last year for an explosive offense. But veterans at every position translated to just 18.8 points and 317.8 yards per game, which ranked just 11th and ninth in the Big 12, respectively.

This year, the unit has fewer returners but a new lease on life under a new group of coaches. The nucleus returns with quarterback Bret Meyer and receiver Todd Blythe looking to add to their legacies in their final season with the Cyclones. How well they perform will set the stage for the rest of the group.

The offensive line will be breaking in four new starters — which is no small task — and a running game that's been virtually non-existent the last two years must find a go-to guy between Jason Scales, Jason Harris and junior college transfer J.J. Bass.

A talented but unassuming bunch of receivers has had its moments. Meyer has to find a second or third option he can trust so teams don't blanket Blythe. Tight end Ben Barkema can be a factor in the passing game, although he is a much better blocker.

8 Iowa State plays eight consecutive games either on the road or against a team that played in a bowl last season — starting with a home game against Iowa on Sept. 15.

Defense Linebacker Alvin Bowen can and will be a force. That much the Cyclones can count on. The rest of the defense is largely unsettled and unproven against Big 12 competition. Several starters return from last year, although considering how badly the Cyclones performed defensively in '06 that's not exactly music to anybody's ears.

Bowen, who led the nation in tackles per game (12.9) last season, will be asked to help whip them into shape.

"He is a leader of our defense and our team," defensive coordinator Wayne Bolt said.

Newcomers should play a huge role on this side of the ball — with three junior college linemen expected to join the team — as well as highly regarded linebacker Michael Bibbs and defensive back Allen Bell.

The stop-units of years past that went to bowl games forced turnovers at a rapid rate. ISU's defense managed only six interceptions last year and scooped up nine fumbles.

On the bright side, linebacker Adam Carper and defensive end Kurtis Taylor are returning from knee surgeries. Carper has started games in each of his first two seasons.

Specialists The kicking game is in good hands with senior Bret Culbertson. The former walk-on has connected on 75.7 percent of his field goal tries during his career and seems to have put his haunted past behind him when it comes to pressure kicks. Punter Mike Brandtner will only get better after a solid freshman season in 2006. Milan Moses showed he can be an explosive returner on kickoffs.

Final Analysis New head coach Gene Chizik will find out quickly the difference between coaching at ISU as opposed to Auburn and Texas. His team has some good pieces with Meyer, Blythe and Bowen, but not enough talent or experience to do much better than Dan McCarney did (4-8 overall, 1-7 Big 12) in his final season.

Chizik signed a dozen junior college players hoping they could provide immediate help, which is hard to count on. If the ones coming in on the offensive and defensive lines can be difference-makers, it's possible for the Cyclones to surprise some people.

With the schedule being as difficult as it is — including consecutive games against Nebraska, Texas Tech, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri in the middle of the season — Chizik's postseason debut at Iowa State likely will have to wait another year.



Bret Meyer

Offense (4)

WR 1	Todd Blythe (Sr.)	82	Marquis Hamilton (So.)
WR 32	Milan Moses (Sr.)	14	Houston Jones (So.)
WR 5	R.J. Sumrall (Jr.)		Wallace Franklin (Jr.)
LT 75	Doug Dedrick (So.)	67	Matt Hulbert (Fr.)
LG 73	Reggie Stephens (So.)	66	Joe Blaes (Jr.)
C 60	Brandon Johnson (Jr.)	70	Tom Schmeling (Jr.)
RG 70	Tom Schmeling (Jr.)	77	Alex Alvarez (So.)
RT 76	Lee Tibbs (Sr.)	67	Matt Hulbert (Fr.)
TE 41	Ben Barkema (Sr.)	80	Brandon Tinlin (Sr.)
QB 7	Bret Meyer (Sr.)	4	Austen Arnaud (Fr.)
RB	J.J. Bass (Jr.)	6	Jason Scales (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	29	Rashawn Parker (So.)	Christopher Lyle (Jr.)
NG	71	Athyba Rubin (Sr.)	62 Nate Frere (So.)
DT		Michael Tate (Jr.)	93 Bryce Braaksma (Sr.)
DE	47	Kurtis Taylor (Jr.)	Randy Kellman (Fr.)
SLB	16	Jon Banks (Sr.)	Michael Bibbs (Jr.)
MLB	10	Adam Carper (Jr.)	43 Fred Garrin (So.)
WLB	15	Alvin Bowen (Sr.)	54 Jesse Smith (So.)
CB	11	Chris Singleton (Jr.)	6 Chris Brown (Jr.)
CB		Allen Bell (Jr.)	7 Drenard Williams (So.)
SS	21	Caleb Berg (Sr.)	20 Brandon Hunley (Jr.)
FS	2	James Smith (So.)	Allen Bell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 37	Bret Culbertson (Sr.)	KR 32	Milan Moses (Sr.)
P 13	Mike Brandtner (So.)	PR 5	R.J. Sumrall (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bret Meyer, 374-211-2,546-12, 12 TDs
Rushing: Bret Meyer, 137 car., 177 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Todd Blythe, 34 rec., 484 yds., 8 TDs
Tackles: Alvin Bowen, 155, 92 solo
Sacks: Rashawn Parker, 3
Interceptions: Chris Singleton, 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	Kent State	W
S. 8	Northern Iowa	W
S. 15	Iowa	L
S. 22	at Toledo	W
S. 29	at Nebraska	L
O. 6	at Texas Tech	L
O. 13	Texas	L
O. 20	Oklahoma	L
O. 27	at Missouri	L
N. 3	Kansas State	L
N. 10	Colorado	*
N. 17	at Kansas	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Toledo	(3ot)	W	45-43
S. 9	UNLV		W	16-10
S. 16	at Iowa		L	17-27
S. 23	at Texas		L	14-37
S. 30	Northern Iowa		W	28-27
O. 7	Nebraska		L	14-28
O. 14	at Oklahoma		L	9-34
O. 21	Texas Tech		L	26-42
O. 28	at Kansas State		L	10-31
N. 4	Kansas		L	10-41
N. 11	at Colorado		L	16-33
N. 18	Missouri		W	21-16

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	92
Rushing	101.8 ypg	99
Passing	216.1 ypg	44
Total	317.8 ypg	81
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.8 ppg	105
Rushing	153.8 ypg	89
Passing	238.5 ypg	101
Total	392.3 ypg	102
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	87

Head Coach: Gene Chizik

2006 Record (Big 12): 4-8 (1-7)



MISSISSIPPI STATE

BULLDOGS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SEC WEST PREDICTION

71
5

Offense It's safe to say it took it took several games last year for Mississippi State to find its offensive rhythm. Six games, to be exact. In the first half of the season, the Bulldogs totaled only 76 points. But in the final six games, they nearly doubled their production, to the tune of 145. That improvement, coupled with nine returning starters, has Sylvester Croom feeling optimistic.

"If we play up to our ability this year, we'll be a lot more solid team," he says. "We just feel like we've now got a chance."

Croom's optimism is predicated on several factors. None bigger, perhaps, than the return of quarterback Michael Henig. Even with limited action last year due to injuries, he improved leaps and bounds. And with a deep receiving corps, the opportunity exists for Henig to put up some impressive numbers.

Tony Burks leads the talented group of wideouts, but Lance Long, Aubrey Bell and Jamayel Smith proved to be playmakers to the point opponents weren't afforded the luxury of double-teaming Burks. And with the emergence of Brandon McCrae and the arrival of Co-Eric Riley, State's passing game should move up considerably in the statistical charts

and Marcus Green, two guys expected to contribute immediately.

Defense The biggest question facing this unit is whether the Bulldogs can overcome the loss of six starters. Attrition hit the hardest up front. However, returning is end Titus Brown, who recorded 7.5 sacks a year ago. And with his speed and size, the opportunity is there to increase that total.

But when asked the keys to success, Croom is quick to point out middle linebacker Jamar Chaney and safety Derek Pegues. "You've got to be strong in the middle, and with these two, we are," he says.

There will be changes in the secondary, including Pegues. He makes the move to safety after spending the past two years at cornerback, while Keith Fitzhugh has made the transition from strong safety to free safety. Their relocation has opened the door for Anthony Johnson and Marcus Washington to step in at corner, a move Croom says provides more team speed on the outside.

Specialists Adam Carlson returns as kicker, while Blake McAdams is back handling punting duties. The key is sustaining consistency, an area both struggled with last year. However, Croom says a year of experience should prove to be an invaluable asset this season.

Final Analysis If MSU is to snap its six-year bowl drought, the offense has to put points on the board, and the defense has to create turnovers and give the offense a short field to work with. Significant strides were made in those areas last year, but a quicker start is imperative this time around.

If Henig is able to stay healthy and the running backs and receivers contribute, winning six games isn't out of the question. The margin for error remains small, but as Croom points out, a chance for success is there for the taking.



Michael Henig

Offense (9)

WR 89 Jamayel Smith (Jr.)	87 Aubrey Bell (Jr.)
WR 4 Tony Burks (Sr.)	86 Lance Long (Sr.)
LT 77 Mike Brown (Jr.)	74 Mark Melichar (Fr.)
LG 78 Michael Gates (Jr.)	66 J.C. Brignone (Fr.)
C 76 Royce Blackledge (Sr.)	59 Johnny Carpenter (So.)
RG 53 Anthony Strauder (Jr.)	72 Anthony Dunning (So.)
RT 75 Craig Jenkins (So.)	60 J.D. Hamilton (Sr.)
TE 88 Eric Butler (Sr.)	48 Dezmond Sherrod (Sr.)
QB 7 Michael Henig (Jr.)	6 Josh Riddell (Jr.)
FB 35 Brandon Hart (Jr.)	49 Taurus Young (Jr.)
TB 24 Anthony Dixon (So.)	33 Justin Williams (Sr.)

Defense (5)

LE 54 Titus Brown (Sr.)	92 Charles Burns (Jr.)
DT 99 Quinton Wesley (So.)	94 Jessie Bowman (Jr.)
NT 95 Kyle Love (So.)	96 Reggie Odom (Fr.)
RE 51 Avery Hannibal (Sr.)	93 Brandon Cooper (Fr.)
SLB 5 Gabe O'Neal (Sr.)	47 Dominic Douglas (Jr.)
MLB 22 Jamar Chaney (Jr.)	39 Tim Bailey (Jr.)
WLB 36 Jamon Hughes (So.)	56 Anthony Littlejohn (Jr.)
LCB 11 Anthony Johnson (So.)	9 Keon Humphries (Jr.)
RCB 18 Marcus Washington (So.)	6 Demario Bobo (Jr.)
SS 3 Derek Pegues (Jr.)	19 Anthony Summers (So.)
FS 1 Keith Fitzhugh (Jr.)	8 De'Mon Glanton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 37 Adam Carlson (Jr.)	KR 3 Derek Pegues (Jr.)
P 43 Blake McAdams (Jr.)	PR 3 Derek Pegues (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Michael Henig, 169-74-1, 201-9, 7 TDs
Rushing: Anthony Dixon, 169 car., 668 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Tony Burks, 35 rec., 850 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Jamar Chaney, 66, 35 solo; Keith Fitzhugh, 59, 37 solo
Sacks: Titus Brown, 7.5
Interceptions: Derek Pegues, 4 for 95 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

24.3 Tony Burks averaged an impressive 24.3 yards per catch (35 receptions, 850 yards) in his first season out of junior college.

But as good as the receivers are, priority No. 1 is rushing. With a veteran group in the trenches, a 1,000-yard season isn't out of reach for Anthony Dixon. With his speed-size combination, he's capable of running past defenders, as well as over them. And the good news for Croom is that the backfield isn't limited to just Dixon. The recruiting trails landed the talented tandem of Robert Elliott

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 LSU	L
S. 8 at Tulane	W
S. 15 at Auburn	L
S. 22 Jacksonville State	W
S. 29 at South Carolina	L
O. 6 UAB	W
O. 13 Tennessee	L
O. 20 at West Virginia	L
O. 27 at Kentucky	L
N. 10 Alabama	L
N. 17 #at Arkansas	L
N. 23 Ole Miss	*

#Little Rock, AR

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 South Carolina	L 0-15
S. 9 Auburn	L 0-34
S. 16 Tulane	L 29-32
S. 23 at UAB	W 16-10
S. 30 at LSU	L 17-48
O. 7 West Virginia	L 14-42
O. 14 Jacksonville State	W 35-3
O. 21 at Georgia	L 24-27
O. 28 Kentucky	L 31-34
N. 4 at Alabama	W 24-16
N. 18 Arkansas	L 14-28
N. 25 at Ole Miss	L 17-20

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.4 ppg	97
Rushing	95.2 ypg	104
Passing	191.7 ypg	69
Total	286.8 ypg	103
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.8 ppg	83
Rushing	115.4 ypg	36
Passing	205.9 ypg	67
Total	321.3 ypg	41
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-5	-0.42	87

Head Coach: Sylvester Croom

2006 Record (SEC): 3-9 (1-7)



SAN JOSE STATE

SPARTANS

NATIONAL FORECAST

72

WAC PREDICTION

3

Offense Senior Adam Tafralis returns at quarterback and would have likely been a preseason first team All-WAC pick if Hawaii's Colt Brennan hadn't decided to return for another run at the Heisman Trophy as a senior. Tafralis, who is 11-4 in his last 15 games as a starter for the Spartans, returns following a record-setting junior year of his own. He set a single-season school record for completion percentage (65.6 percent), finished 11th nationally in passing efficiency with a 155.13 rating and had a glossy three-to-one (21-to-7) touchdown-to-interception ratio.

San Jose State ranked 20th in the nation in rushing last year (175.6 yards per game), and the Spartans could be even better this year. Senior Yonus Davis, a two-time All-WAC pick, returns to lead a veteran running back corps. Davis became only the 11th Spartan to rush for 1,000 yards (1,007) last season and averaged an outstanding 6.3 yards per carry.

Davis will be running behind an improved and physical offensive line led by junior center Justin Paysinger.

The big key for the Spartans will be finding adequate replacements for standout wide receivers James Jones and John Broussard. Coach Dick Tomey is hoping for big things from a highly touted recruiting class led by junior college transfer David Richmond.

165

At only 5'10", 210 pounds, linebacker Matt Castelo had 165 tackles last year.

His 12.7 tackles-per-game average ranked second in the nation.

Defense Tomey made his name in the late 1980s and '90s as the man who brought the "Desert Swarm" defense to Arizona. Now he's finding success with his attacking defense at San Jose State. The Spartans return seven starters from a unit that allowed an average of

20.8 points per game and held high-scoring Boise State to 23 points. Leading the way is the cornerback duo of senior All-America Dwight Lowery and Christopher Owens. Lowery became the first junior in school history to earn first team All-America honors after finishing second in the nation with nine interceptions, while Owens had four picks.

Not to be overlooked is a hard-nosed linebacker group led by senior Matt Castelo. Castelo has registered 256 tackles over the past two seasons. Also back is senior Demetrius Jones, who had 78 tackles last season, including nine for a loss.

The defensive line, which played as many as eight freshmen a year ago, also should be improved after another year in the weight room. This unit will be anchored by defensive ends Justin Cole and Jarron Gilbert.

Specialists The Spartans figure to be among the nation's best on special teams this season. Senior punter Waylon Prather was a first-team All-WAC pick last year after averaging 44.0 yards per punt. Also back is junior placekicker Jared Strubeck, a second-team All-WAC choice who has recovered a remarkable five onside kicks over the past two seasons.

Final Analysis San Jose State faces a daunting road schedule that includes four consecutive away games to start the season. The good news is that Tomey returns many of the key pieces from last year's New Mexico Bowl winners. The bad news is that San Jose State must play Boise State in Boise and also travel south for their annual in-state battle against Fresno State.

The secondary could be the league's best, a huge advantage in the wild pass-happy WAC. If the Spartans can survive their month-long September road trip, both mentally and physically, they figure to make another strong run at a postseason bowl berth. And you have to go back 20 years (1986 and 1987) to find last time San Jose State played in back-to-back bowl games.

Yonus Davis



Offense (6)

WR	David Richmond (Jr.)	88	Jalal Beauchman (So.)
WR	4 Michael Hooper (Sr.)		Kyle Flynn (Jr.)
LT	77 Bradis McGriff (Jr.)	66	Chris Danser (Jr.)
LG	69 John Booker (Sr.)	74	David Giesen (Sr.)
C	68 Justin Paysinger (Jr.)	61	Ryan Simone (Sr.)
RG	61 Ryan Simone (Sr.)	79	Ronnie Castillo (So.)
RT	71 Jibri Sharp (Sr.)		Steve Lightsey (Jr.)
TE	9 Jeff Clark (Sr.)	82	Nick Marchini (Sr.)
QB	17 Adam Tafralis (Sr.)	2	Sean Flynn (Jr.)
RB	42 J.T. Callier (Sr.)	21	Patrick Perry (Jr.)
RB	34 Yonus Davis (Sr.)	39	Cameron Island (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	93 Justin Cole (So.)	95	Carl Ihenacho (So.)
DT	91 Jerome Pulu (Sr.)	65	Justin Willis (So.)
DT	96 Adonis Davis (So.)	94	Kalvin Cressel (So.)
DE	53 Jarron Gilbert (Jr.)	54	David Lomu (Jr.)
LB	46 Demetrius Jones (Sr.)	51	Chris Reese (Jr.)
LB	35 Matt Castelo (Sr.)	14	Travis Jones (So.)
LB	48 Ryno Gonzalez (So.)	45	John Smith (Jr.)
CB	25 Dwight Lowery (Sr.)	23	David Bowen (Sr.)
CB	29 Christopher Owens (Jr.)	20	Jonathan Hardaway (Fr.)
S	31 Dimitrios Chattman (Jr.)	32	Pompey Festejo (Fr.)
S	33 Dominique Hunsucker (So.)		Joe Bates (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	10 Jared Strubeck (Jr.)	KR	7 Jacob French (Sr.)
P	15 Waylon Prather (Sr.)	PR	25 Dwight Lowery (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Adam Tafralis, 276-181-2,284-7, 21 TDs
Rushing: Yonus Davis, 163 car., 1,007 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: James T. Callier, 12 rec., 99 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Matt Castelo, 165, 78 solo
Sacks: Jarron Gilbert, 5
Interceptions: Dwight Lowery, 9 for 111 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Arizona State	L
S. 8	at Kansas State	L
S. 15	at Stanford	W
S. 22	at Utah State	W
S. 29	UC Davis	W
O. 6	Idaho	W
O. 12	Hawaii	L
O. 20	at Fresno State	*
N. 3	at Boise State	L
N. 10	New Mexico State	W
N. 17	at Louisiana Tech	W
N. 24	Nevada	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Washington	L	29-35
S. 9	Stanford	W	35-34
S. 23	Cal Poly	W	17-7
S. 30	San Diego State	W	31-10
O. 14	Utah State	W	21-14
O. 21	at Nevada	L	7-23
O. 28	Louisiana Tech	W	44-10
N. 4	at New Mexico St.	W	31-21
N. 11	Boise State	L	20-23
N. 18	at Hawaii	L	17-54
N. 25	at Idaho	W	28-13
D. 2	Fresno State	W	24-14
D. 23	#New Mexico	W	20-12

#New Mexico Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.9 ppg	55
Rushing	175.6 ypg	20
Passing	181.6 ypg	83
Total	357.2 ypg	47
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.8 ppg	46
Rushing	148.4 ypg	76
Passing	206.2 ypg	68
Total	354.5 ypg	77
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+9	+0.69	13

2006 Record (WAC): 9-4 (5-3)

Head Coach: Dick Tomey



MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA EAST PREDICTION

3

Offense The Marshall offense will look dramatically different without Ahmad Bradshaw at running back. The nation's fifth-leading rusher last year left a year early for the NFL Draft, leaving the Herd thin at running back. The early candidate to get the bulk of the carries is Chubb Small, a junior who has seen extensive time as a returner in his first two seasons and limited time carrying the ball in the backfield. Junior Kelvin Turner will also be in the mix, as will highly regarded incoming freshmen Terrell Edwards.

Veteran quarterback Bernard Morris will be counted on to lead the attack through the air, and he has talent to help him with a solid receiving corps and one of the league's finest tight ends in sophomore Cody Slate. Newcomer Darius Passmore, a former junior college star, should spark the receiving corps immediately. Emmanuel Spann will be the slot receiver.

Center Doug Legursky is an All-America candidate and a big reason why Marshall was so successful on the ground last year. The Herd will be breaking in new starters at both tackle positions, however.

31 Marshall committed 31 turnovers last year. Only eight teams had more than the Herd.

Defense Marshall's defense should again be strong along the line and suspect in the secondary.

Defensive end Albert McClellan is the reigning Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and should only get better with a little additional size as a junior. John Jacobs is a solid matching bookend, and Mike Janac will undoubtedly play his way onto the field either at tackle or end.

The linebackers will be paced by middle man Josh Johnson, a physical specimen who signed with Georgia out of high school. The

secondary, which was 114th in the nation against the pass, returns its top three corners, but the unit struggled in the spring game and needs to be shored up. Safety and leading tackler Curtis Keyes needs to be replaced, though C.J. Spillman and Phillip Gamble are both solid.

Specialists The news is not great in the kicking game for Marshall. Placekicker Anthony Binswanger struggled through a 5-for-13 season last year and did not make a field goal in the Herd's final five games (going 0-for-4). Starting punter Marty Biagi injured his knee making a tackle during spring practice and is out indefinitely. Freshman walk-on Jake Fields will take over until Biagi is healthy enough to return. One bright spot was the punt returning of Spann, who ranked second in the conference at 12.0 yards per return.

Final Analysis Marshall's hopes to return to the bowl scene for the first time since 2004 were dealt a serious blow when Bradshaw decided to leave, robbing the Herd of its best offensive weapon at a relatively thin position. The offensive emphasis this year will be on the passing game, as Marshall will feature some talent at wide receiver plus a speedy tight end in Slate. Morris is a dual-threat quarterback who will have to step forward in his third season at the position.

On the defensive side of the ball, McClellan will change opposing game plans from his defensive end spot.

New defensive coordinator Steve Dunlap comes from North Carolina State to shore up a unit that surrendered at least 21 points in every game.

The road schedule is challenging, with games at UCF, Tulsa and Houston in conference, plus Miami and Cincinnati out of conference. Throw in home games with West Virginia and Southern Miss, and Marshall has its work cut out for it in order to reach a bowl game.

2007 SCHEDULE			2006 RESULTS			2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS		
S. 1 at Miami	L		S. 2 at West Virginia	L	10-42	Offense	Per Game	Rank
S. 8 West Virginia	L		S. 9 Hofstra	W	54-31	Scoring	25.9 ppg	48
S. 15 New Hampshire	W		S. 16 at Kansas State	L	7-23	Rushing	167.1 ypg	30
S. 22 at Cincinnati	L		S. 23 at Tennessee	L	7-33	Passing	187.3 ypg	75
O. 2 at Memphis	W		O. 4 UCF	L	22-23	Total	354.3 ypg	49
O. 13 at Tulsa	L		O. 14 at SMU	L	21-31	Defense	Per Game	Rank
O. 21 Southern Miss	L		O. 21 at UAB	W	31-24	Scoring	29.3 ppg	102
O. 27 Rice	W		O. 28 Memphis	W	41-27	Rushing	139.3 ypg	65
N. 3 at UCF	*		N. 4 Tulane	W	42-21	Passing	251.7 ypg	114
N. 10 East Carolina	W		N. 11 at East Carolina	L	20-33	Total	390.9 ypg	101
N. 17 at Houston	L		N. 18 UTEP	W	49-21	TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
N. 24 UAB	W		N. 25 at Southern Miss	L	7-42	-9	-0.75	106

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Mark Snyder

2006 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (4-4)



Cody Slate

Offense (7)

WR 24 Emmanuel Spann (Jr.)	1 Marcus Fitzgerald (Sr.)
WR 88 Darius Passmore (Jr.)	6 Shawn Lauzon (Sr.)
WR 80 Courtney Edmonson (So.)	23 Bryant Milligan (Fr.)
LT 63 John Inman (Sr.)	78 Brandon Campbell (Fr.)
LG 74 David Ziegler (Sr.)	61 Josh Evans (Fr.)
C 66 Doug Legursky (Sr.)	62 Matt Altobello (Jr.)
RG 65 Brian Leggett (Jr.)	76 Marcus Moresea (Sr.)
RT 79 Daniel Baldridge (So.)	50 Joe Bragg (Jr.)
TE 85 Cody Slate (So.)	13 Brian Shope (Sr.)
QB 14 Bernard Morris (Sr.)	12 Brian Anderson (Fr.)
RB 28 Chubb Small (Jr.)	34 Kelvin Turner (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 96 Albert McClellan (Jr.)	98 Chad Clay (Fr.)
DT 94 Byron Tinker (Sr.)	92 Bilal El-Amin (Jr.)
DT 93 Ryland Wilson (Sr.)	95 Montel Glasco (Jr.)
DE 46 John Jacobs (So.)	90 Michael Janac (Fr.)
SLB 21 Ian Hoskins (Jr.)	56 Howard King (Fr.)
MLB 32 Josh Johnson (Jr.)	48 Will Albin (Sr.)
WLB 45 Maurice Kitchens (Jr.)	57 Mahala Wiggins (Jr.)
CB 11 Zearrick Matthews (So.)	37 Chuck Roberts (So.)
CB 20 Ashton Hall (So.)	8 J.J. Johnson (Jr.)
SS 29 Phillip Gamble (Sr.)	18 Jon Moravec (Jr.)
FS 4 C.J. Spillman (Jr.)	19 John Saunders (So.)

Special Teams

K 41 Anthony Binswanger (Sr.)	KR 28 Chubb Small (Jr.)
P 43 Jake Fields (Fr.)	PR 24 Emmanuel Spann (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bernard Morris, 188-116-1,346-12, 8 TDs
Rushing: Bernard Morris, 82 car., 324 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Cody Slate, 43 rec., 684 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: C.J. Spillman, 79, 41 solo
Sacks: Albert McClellan, 11.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

NATIONAL FORECAST
BIG TEN PREDICTION

74
10

Offense Michigan State once again has an interesting array of potential playmakers on offense under first-year coach Mark Dantonio.

Brian Hoyer is ready to take over as a bona fide Big Ten quarterback. In subbing for the injured Drew Stanton last year, Hoyer threw for 330 yards against Minnesota and 291 at Penn State. Hoyer has a stronger arm than Stanton and can throw on the run.

Tailback Javon Ringer, who has averaged 6.3 yards per carry in his career, rushed for 497 yards during in an injury-plagued 2006 season. A little guy with good moves and burst, but also strong enough to move the pile, Ringer is a good fit for the new smashmouth style.

Big and talented, Kellen Davis is expected to finally break through in the new tight end-friendly offense. T.J. Williams is a dangerous deep threat at wideout.

The offensive line needs a center to emerge. John Masters inherited the job but has had trouble nailing down trust. The line returns 57 career starts, but the linemen must prove they can adapt to the new gap blocking style.

32

The Spartans allowed 32 passing touchdowns last year. Pass defense was a problem that doomed the previous staff and is an area that the new staff vows to improve immediately.

Defense The Spartans wore wrist cards last year in an attempt to improve communication and solve the secondary busts of 2005. But the problems continued, and now the new staff must solve a two-year epidemic.

Perhaps surprisingly, the new staff feels the secondary is the strength of the defense. And there is reason for optimism. Cornerback Ross Weaver, who missed last season with an ankle injury, is still considered a potential star. But speedy Kendell Davis-Clark has surpassed Weaver as the most promising corner in the

program. The Spartans have three heavy hitters vying for two starting spots at safety in Otis Wiley, Nehemiah Warrick and Travis Key. The coaches like all three.

Ervin Baldwin had four sacks last year, and the junior college transfer might emerge in his second year as a consistent pass rush threat. Justin Kershaw has gone from being an average-speed defensive end to a quick defensive tackle. Ogemdi Nwagbuo is a solid nose guard, but depth is a concern at defensive tackle.

SirDarean Adams will make more plays at Will linebacker in the new 4-3 defense than he did at bandit for the previous staff. He has impressed the new coaches but must solve containment errors. Kaleb Thornhill is a three-year starter but not an all-star candidate at middle linebacker.

Specialists Brett Swenson went 15-of-19 on field goals as a true freshman while incoming freshman Aaron Bates might be counted on to punt right away.

Final Analysis Michigan State often has enough talent to spring an upset or two every year. This season is no exception, with a promising quarterback in Hoyer and some playmaking ability at the offensive skill positions.

The Spartans won't be great on defense, but it should not be hard for last year's accident-prone secondary to make improvements. The Spartans should be better against the run simply because they have to face a smashmouth system every day in practice. The spread left the front seven too soft under John L. Smith.

The Spartans need at least one or two upsets to get on the plus side of .500. Michigan State will likely be an underdog in six of its eight Big Ten games: at Wisconsin, at Iowa, at Ohio State, at Purdue and at home against Michigan and Penn State. Add a trip to Notre Dame, and factor in a tough home game against revenge-minded Pittsburgh, and it becomes difficult to find six wins on the Michigan State schedule.



Javon Ringer

Offense (6)

WR 12 T.J. Williams (So.)	84 Deon Curry (Jr.)
WR 18 Terry Love (Sr.)	10 Devin Thomas (Jr.)
LT 66 Mike Gyetvai (Sr.)	75 Pete Clifford (Sr.)
LG 71 Kenny Shane (Sr.)	68 Tom Kaczmarek (Jr.)
C 54 John Masters (Sr.)	65 Joel Nitchman (So.)
RG 73 Roland Martin (Jr.)	60 Mike Bacon (Jr.)
RT 79 Jesse Miller (Jr.)	76 Mike Schmedding (So.)
TE 80 Kellen Davis (Sr.)	48 Eric Andino (Sr.)
QB 7 Brian Hoyer (Jr.)	10 Connor Dixon (Fr.)
FB 35 Jeff McPherson (Jr.)	49 Dwayne Holmes (Jr.)
RB 23 Javon Ringer (Jr.)	30 Jehuu Caulcrick (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 47 Brandon Long (Jr.)	94 Jonal Saint-Dic (Sr.)
DT 97 Justin Kershaw (Jr.)	92 Bobby Jones (Sr.)
NT 99 Ogemdi Nwagbuo (Sr.)	88 John Stipek (So.)
DE 51 Ervin Baldwin (Sr.)	58 Reggie Graham (So.)
SLB 36 Jon Misch (Fr.)	45 Andrew Hawken (So.)
MLB 41 Kaleb Thornhill (Sr.)	44 Josh Rouse (So.)
WLB 27 SirDarean Adams (Sr.)	43 Eric Gordon (Fr.)
CB 37 Ross Weaver (So.)	31 Ashton Henderson (So.)
CB 38 Kendell Davis-Clark (Jr.)	39 Jeremy Ware (So.)
SS 3 Nehemiah Warrick (Sr.)	13 Travis Key (Sr.)
FS 21 Otis Wiley (Jr.)	33 Dan Fortener (So.)

Special Teams

K 14 Brett Swenson (So.)	KR 18 Terry Love (Sr.)
P Aaron Bates (Fr.)	PR 18 Terry Love (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brian Hoyer, 144-82-863-3, 4 TDs
Rushing: Javon Ringer, 86 car., 497 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: T.J. Williams, 25 rec., 281 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Otis Wiley, 94, 58 solo
Sacks: Ervin Baldwin, 4
Interceptions: SirDarean Adams, 2 for 38 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 UAB	W
S. 8 Bowling Green	W
S. 15 Pittsburgh	*
S. 22 at Notre Dame	L
S. 29 at Wisconsin	L
O. 6 Northwestern	*
O. 13 Indiana	*
O. 20 at Ohio State	L
O. 27 at Iowa	L
N. 3 Michigan	L
N. 10 at Purdue	L
N. 17 Penn State	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Idaho	W	27-17
S. 9 E. Michigan	W	52-20
S. 16 at Pittsburgh	W	38-23
S. 23 Notre Dame	L	37-40
S. 30 Illinois	L	20-23
O. 7 at Michigan	L	13-31
O. 14 Ohio State	L	7-38
O. 21 at Northwestern	W	41-38
O. 28 at Indiana	L	21-46
N. 4 Purdue	L	15-17
N. 11 Minnesota	L	18-31
N. 18 at Penn State	L	13-17

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.2 ppg	52
Rushing	129.2 ypg	65
Passing	227.6 ypg	35
Total	356.8 ypg	48
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.4 ppg	100
Rushing	132.8 ypg	56
Passing	230.9 ypg	97
Total	363.8 ypg	88
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Mark Dantonio

2006 Record (Big Ten): 4-8 (1-7)



OLE MISS REBELS

NATIONAL FORECAST

75

SEC WEST PREDICTION

6

Offense Brent Schaeffer, the former Tennessee starting quarterback, has one last chance to get it right, and he begins behind the 8-ball. Schaeffer, now a senior, was out-performed by former walk-on Seth Adams in spring drills and will be part of what head coach Ed Orgeron calls an "open" quarterback competition when August practice gets underway. It's a very different scene from a year ago when Orgeron named Schaeffer the starter in February, long before the junior college transfer ever made his grades.

The biggest job for the starting quarterback will be to hand the ball to tailback BenJarvus Green-Ellis. A tough, hard-nosed runner, the senior from New Orleans was the third-leading rusher in the SEC last season. He finished with an even 1,000 yards and has a chance to improve those numbers behind a more experienced and deeper offensive line. Left tackle Michael Oher could be ready for a breakout year.

The wide receivers lack a proven playmaker, but 6'5" junior college transfer A.J. Jackson, named by one recruiting web site as the top junior college player in the country last year, could change that — if he's eligible. "He gives us that big receiver to throw the fade to," Orgeron says.

Sophomore Jonathan Cornell will get the first crack at replacing Willis in the middle, but the job could go to junior college transfer Tony Fein, an All-American last year. If Fein is in the middle, Cornell will be at one of the other spots.

The Rebels can be pretty good up front if tackle Peria Jerry can stay healthy. Sophomore ends Marcus Tillman and Greg Hardy should be better after starting last year.

Strong safety Jamarca Sanford, a good form tackler and excellent hitter, will lead the Rebels' secondary.

Specialists After season-long misadventures in 2005, the Rebels excelled in placekicking last year as Joshua Shene earned freshman All-America honors. Shene was 14-for-17 on field goals and 20-for-20 on PATs. Junior punter Rob Park is back after averaging 38.9 yards. The return game will get a lift with the return of Dexter McCluster, who had his freshman season cut short by injury.

Final Analysis With a solid rushing attack and an upgrade at receiver, the offense should be improved — provided the quarterback play is better in 2006.

The problem is, the offense may have to vastly improve to cover for a defense that will surely take a step back without Willis. How big of a step back remains to be seen, but a lot of production will be expected from linebackers who weren't even in the program last year. There are grades issues among some of the defensive line signees, but if Ted Laurent qualifies, and Jerry, who was held out of spring after offseason foot surgery, remains healthy, the Rebels have a chance to be solid on defense.

Still, this team doesn't figure to be much of a factor in the SEC West. The Rebels could flirt with a .500 record, but they are nowhere near attaining the lofty goals — reaching and winning the Sugar Bowl — that Orgeron has set for his program.



BenJarvus Green-Ellis

Offense (9)

WR	21 Marshay Green (So.)	22 Dexter McCluster (So.)
WR	2 Mike Wallace (Jr.)	A.J. Jackson (Jr.)
LT	74 Michael Oher (Jr.)	76 Marcus Cohen (Sr.)
LG	71 Reid Neely (So.)	62 Don Mosley (Fr.)
C	51 Corey Actis (Sr.)	60 Thomas Eckers (Sr.)
RG	77 John Jerry (So.)	65 Mark Jean-Louis (Jr.)
RT	79 Maurice Miller (Jr.)	76 Marcus Cohen (Sr.)
TE	15 Robert Lane (Sr.)	85 Robert Hough (Sr.)
QB	19 Seth Adams (Sr.)	7 Robert Schaeffer (Sr.)
FB	44 Jason Cook (Jr.)	32 Reggie Hicks (Fr.)
RB	6 BenJarvus Green-Ellis (Sr.)	23 Bruce Hall (Sr.)

Defense (4)

DE	92 Marcus Tillman (So.)	46 Kentrell Lockett (Fr.)
DT	72 Jeremy Garrett (Sr.)	90 Brandon Jenkins (Sr.)
NT	98 Peria Jerry (Jr.)	62 Daverin Geraldts (So.)
DE	86 Greg Hardy (So.)	95 Chris Bowers (Jr.)
SLB	42 Jonathan Cornell (So.)	45 Jamie Phillips (Jr.)
MLB	Tony Fein (Jr.)	Lamar Brumfield (Jr.)
WLB	33 Antonio Turner (Jr.)	20 Ashlee Palmer (Jr.)
CB	12 Dustin Mouzon (Jr.)	5 Terrell Jackson (Jr.)
CB	24 Cassius Vaughn (So.)	28 Nate Banks (Sr.)
SS	13 Jamarca Sanford (Jr.)	5 Terrell Jackson (Jr.)
FS	1 Kendrick Lewis (So.)	27 Jamal Harvey (So.)

Special Teams

K	93 Joshua Shene (So.)	KR	21 Marshay Green (So.)
P	36 Rob Park (Jr.)	PR	21 Marshay Green (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brent Schaeffer, 244-115-1,442-10, 9 TDs
Rushing: BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 234 car., 1,000 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Mike Wallace, 24 rec., 410 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Jamarca Sanford, 64, 33 solo; Greg Hardy, 49, 28 solo
Sacks: Greg Hardy, 3
Interceptions: Dustin Mouzon, 1 for 0 yds.

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19.2

The Rebels must replace a combined 19.2 tackles per game with the loss of Butkus

Award-winning linebacker Patrick Willis and his running mate Rory Johnson.

Defense Orgeron has a new coordinator in the well-traveled and successful John Thompson, but the Rebels will miss the playmaking and leadership of linebacker Patrick Willis, last year's Butkus Award winner. His is one of three linebacker jobs up for grabs in the Rebels' 4-3 scheme.

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Memphis	W
S. 8	Missouri	L
S. 15	at Vanderbilt	L
S. 22	Florida	L
S. 29	at Georgia	L
O. 6	Louisiana Tech	W
O. 13	Alabama	L
O. 20	Arkansas	L
O. 27	at Auburn	L
N. 3	Northwestern State	W
N. 17	LSU	L
N. 23	at Mississippi State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3	Memphis	W	28-25
S. 9	at Missouri	L	7-34
S. 16	at Kentucky	L	14-31
S. 23	Wake Forest	L	3-27
S. 30	Georgia	L	9-14
O. 7	Vanderbilt	W	17-10
O. 14	at Alabama	(ot) L	23-26
O. 21	at Arkansas	L	3-38
O. 28	Auburn	L	17-23
N. 4	Northwestern State	W	27-7
N. 18	at LSU	L	20-23
N. 25	Mississippi State	W	20-17

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.7 ppg	108
Rushing	125.3 ypg	74
Passing	136.1 ypg	112
Total	261.4 ypg	111
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.9 ppg	61
Rushing	158.9 ypg	94
Passing	195.0 ypg	46
Total	353.9 ypg	76
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.25	76

Head Coach: Ed Orgeron

2006 Record (SEC): 4-8 (2-6)



WYOMING

COWBOYS

NATIONAL FORECAST

MWC PREDICTION

76

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Offense There's plenty of room for this unit to improve after it produced slightly more than 300 yards per game in 2006, and there's no reason to think that it won't. Sophomore quarterback Karsten Sween made great strides after supplanting Jacob Doss as the starter in the fifth game of the season and is expected to be 100 percent ready for his first full season as starter after undergoing minor offseason knee surgery.

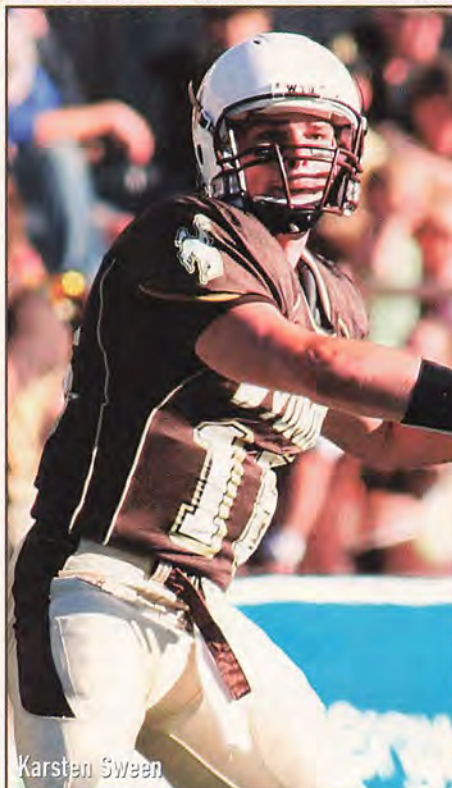
Juniors Wynel Seldon and Devin Moore have the potential to give the Cowboys one of the better rushing attacks in the league, but a reworked offensive line that includes a mix of veterans moving to new positions and first-year starters is cause for some concern. The O-line's ability to open holes for Seldon and Moore, and to give Sween time to find veteran receiver Michael Ford and breakthrough candidate Greg Bolling, is crucial for the Cowboys' chances of success.

pressure on the quarterback and stuff the run while the defensive line comes into its own early in the season. How well junior college transfer Anthony Wilson adjusts to playing defensive line at the Division I-A level could be a key.

Specialists Former high school All-American Aric Goodman had an up-and-down season while sharing placekicking duties with Jake Scott, but the sophomore showed his potential by booting 10-of-16 field goals, including a 52-yarder. With a stout defense, Joe Glenn rarely gambles on fourth down and places great importance on winning the field position battle. Senior Billy Vinnedge averaged 43 yards per punt and had 18 punts downed inside the 20 in 2006. Slot receiver Hoost Marsh will handle most of the Cowboys' return duties. The senior earned all-conference honors as a return specialist as a freshman.

Final Analysis After starting the season 1-4, including two overtime losses, Wyoming rebounded to finish 6-6 but was ultimately overlooked for a potential bowl bid. The desire to build on last season's late surge and to return to the postseason for the first time since 2004 were motivating factors during the offseason, though both will hinge on Sween's continued development and the defense's ability to find a new identity and approach, if not repeat, last season's dominance.

The Cowboys were picked to finish in the MWC cellar in last season's preseason media poll only to finish tied for third with a 5-3 league record. Expectations — from both outsiders and from themselves — will be higher for Wyoming this year, but the inexperience of the offensive and defensive lines makes it difficult to predict whether those expectations can be met. The quality of the newcomers makes it possible, but like last season, the difference between going bowling and staying home could be as simple as a few plays in a couple of close games.



Karsten Sween

7 The Cowboys committed seven fewer turnovers in 2006 (25) than 2005, helping them improve from 111th to 82nd in the nation in turnover margin.

Defense The Cowboys ranked ninth nationally in total defense last season but must replace their entire front three in Mike Breske's 3-4 scheme and find two new starters at safety as well. NFL-bound strong safety and team leader John Wendling's absence could be felt the most, though returning starting cornerbacks Julius Stinson and Michael Medina provide stability in the secondary.

Despite the questions up front, Wyoming remains stacked in the middle of the field, where veterans Sean Claffey and Luke Chase lead an experienced linebacking unit that will rank as one of the best in the West. Claffey and Co. could be relied upon heavily to put

Offense (7)

WR	8 Michael Ford (Sr.)	13 Chris Johnson (Jr.)
WR	84 Greg Bolling (So.)	80 Darion Donnelly (Sr.)
WR	6 Hoost Marsh (Sr.)	15 Kyle Jacobo (Jr.)
LT	71 Ryan Otterson (So.)	63 Eric Auflick (So.)
LG	75 Sam Sterner (Fr.)	67 Zack Kennedy (So.)
C	74 Tim Bond (Jr.)	70 Russ Arnold (So.)
RG	57 Jack Tennant (Fr.)	66 Andy Bickel (Fr.)
RT	76 Kyle Howard (Jr.)	61 Garrett King (Fr.)
TE	46 Wade Betschart (Sr.)	87 Chris Sundberg (Jr.)
QB	16 Karsten Sween (So.)	7 Jacob Doss (Sr.)
RB	31 Wynel Seldon (Jr.)	5 Devin Moore (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	98 Mitch Unrein (So.)	95 Anthony Wilson (Jr.)
NG	90 Fred Givens (So.)	92 Ben Smith (So.)
DT	91 John Fletcher (So.)	48 Danny Dutmer (Jr.)
SLB	34 Sean Claffey (Sr.)	36 Weston Johnson (So.)
MLB	53 Luke Chase (Sr.)	44 John Prater (Sr.)
WLB	29 Ward Dobbs (Jr.)	51 Brandon Haugen (Sr.)
BLB	55 Mike Juergens (Jr.)	37 Matt Barella (So.)
CB	20 Julius Stinson (Sr.)	3 Troy Lewis (Sr.)
CB	28 Michael Medina (Sr.)	9 T.J. Atwater (So.)
SS	27 Michael Ray (Jr.)	26 Chris Proinski (Fr.)
FS	1 Quincy Rogers (Jr.)	23 Derrick McMahan (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	39 Aric Goodman (So.)	KR	6 Hoost Marsh (Sr.)
P	25 Billy Vinnedge (Sr.)	PR	6 Hoost Marsh (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Karsten Sween, 212-128-1,304-8, 9 TDs
Rushing: Wynel Seldon, 156 car, 610 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Michael Ford, 60 rec., 674 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Ward Dobbs, 69, 30 solo
Sacks: Sean Claffey, 3.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

John Belancourt

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	Virginia	*
S. 8	Utah State	W
S. 15	at Boise State	L
S. 22	at Ohio	W
O. 6	TCU	L
O. 13	New Mexico	*
O. 20	at Air Force	W
O. 27	UNLV	W
N. 3	at San Diego State	W
N. 10	at Utah	L
N. 17	BYU	L
N. 23	at Colorado State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Utah State	W	38-7
S. 9	at Virginia	(ot) L	12-13
S. 16	Boise State	L	10-17
S. 23	Air Force	L	24-31
S. 30	at Syracuse	(2ot) L	34-40
O. 7	at New Mexico	W	14-10
O. 14	Utah	W	31-15
O. 21	Colorado State	W	24-0
O. 28	at TCU	L	3-26
N. 4	San Diego State	W	27-24
N. 9	at BYU	L	7-55
N. 18	at UNLV	W	34-26

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5 ppg	80
Rushing	132.3 ypg	58
Passing	179.0 ypg	85
Total	311.3 ypg	91
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.0 ppg	53
Rushing	106.6 ypg	23
Passing	156.3 ypg	8
Total	262.9 ypg	9
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	82

Head Coach: Joe Glenn

2006 Record (MWC): 6-6 (5-3)



NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

5

Offense First-year UNC coach Butch Davis will have the team running its third offense in as many years, with offensive coordinator John Shoop coming to Chapel Hill after two years with the NFL's Oakland Raiders. Shoop wants to orchestrate a versatile attack that outsiders won't be able to label, but a key question is whether he has enough talent to accomplish that in his first season.

The Tar Heels face major uncertainty everywhere on offense except for wide receiver, where they return four of their top five contributors from last year's team. Making that group even stronger is senior Joe Dailey, who brings speed as well as knowledge of the game to the position after switching over from quarterback.

Dailey's absence at quarterback leaves sophomore Cameron Sexton and redshirt freshmen B.J. Phillips and T.J. Yates to compete during training camp, with highly regarded true freshman Mike Paulus' role still to be determined. Sexton is the only one of the three with game experience, but his experience last season as a redshirt freshman wasn't a positive one. He completed 41.9 percent of his passes for 840 yards, four touchdowns and eight interceptions.

23

The Tar Heels and their opponents combined to make 23 field goals in 24 attempts last season, including 10-for-10 by North Carolina senior kicker Connor Barth.

At tailback, three redshirt freshmen — Johnny White, Anthony Parker-Boyd and Anthony Elzy — and sophomore Richie Rich are competing for the job, while true freshman Ryan Houston has a chance to earn playing time if he makes a quick impression. The offensive line will feature a revamped left side and only two full-time starters from a year ago.

Defense Just like Shoop, defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano spent the last two seasons with the Oakland Raiders. And just like Shoop, his unit will feature a bunch of unproven players this season. Pagano's NFL background will be evident in the defense in that it will present more coverages and personnel groupings than it has in recent years.

The Tar Heels enter the season with no fewer than 10 guys who could play on the defensive line, and they should have a nice rotation at defensive tackle led by veterans Kyndraus Guy and Kentwan Balmer. UNC got inconsistent play at linebacker a year ago, a fact that will give true freshmen Bruce Carter and Quan Sturdivant a chance to push for immediate playing time.

The secondary lacks experience with the exception of junior safety Trimane Goddard, who is back healthy after missing the 2006 season because of a broken bone in his left foot. But the good news for UNC is that redshirt freshman Kendrick Burney and sophomore Jermaine Strong are fearless cornerbacks who believe in their ability to run with any receiver.

Specialists Davis puts a heavy emphasis on special teams and has two standout players in senior kicker Connor Barth and junior Brandon Tate (four return touchdowns in his career), so it stands to reason that this could be UNC's best unit. The Tar Heels signed one of the nation's best high school kicker-punters in Jay Wooten, who will challenge senior John Choate for punting duties.

Final Analysis Davis has changed the atmosphere and expectations surrounding UNC's football program, but he will need some time before he can shape the program the way he wants. No matter how much Davis fires up his players and the fans, the Tar Heels aren't in a position to compete for ACC supremacy. Those days are coming, but they're not here yet.



Hakeem Nicks

Offense (5)

WR 88 Hakeem Nicks (So.)	12 Joe Dailey (Sr.)
WR 87 Brandon Tate (Jr.)	1 Brooks Foster (Jr.)
LT 72 Kyle Jolly (So.)	78 Andre Barbour (So.)
LG 76 Bryon Bishop (Jr.)	73 Aaron Stahl (So.)
C 64 Scott Lenahan (Sr.)	63 Ben Lemming (Jr.)
RG 79 Calvin Darity (Jr.)	70 Alan Pelc (Fr.)
RT 75 Garrett Reynolds (Jr.)	66 Mike Ingersoll (Fr.)
TE 89 Richard Quinn (So.)	84 Vince Jacobs (Fr.)
QB 13 T.J. Yates (Fr.)	11 Cameron Sexton (So.)
FB 4 Bobby Rome (So.)	45 Devon Ramsay (Fr.)
TB 34 Johnny White (Fr.)	6 Anthony Elzy (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE 33 Hilee Taylor (Sr.)	95 Greg Elleby (Fr.)
DT 74 Kyndraus Guy (Sr.)	97 Aleric Mullins (So.)
DT 90 Kentwan Balmer (Sr.)	9 Marvin Austin (Fr.)
DE 92 E.J. Wilson (So.)	98 Darius Massenburg (Fr.)
SLB 51 Wesley Flagg (So.)	21 Martel Thatch (Sr.)
MLB 48 Durell Mapp (Sr.)	52 Quan Sturdivant (Fr.)
WLB 44 Chase Rice (Jr.)	54 Bruce Carter (Fr.)
CB 38 Jermaine Strong (So.)	47 Quinton Person (Sr.)
CB 16 Kendrick Burney (Fr.)	14 Kendrick Williams (Sr.)
SS 20 Shaun Draughn (Fr.)	30 Bryan Dixon (So.)
FS 31 Trimane Goddard (Jr.)	27 Deunta Williams (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 10 Connor Barth (Sr.)	KR 87 Brandon Tate (Jr.)
P 86 John Choate (Sr.)	PR 87 Brandon Tate (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joe Dailey, 195-112-1,316-10, 7 TDs
Rushing: Justin Warren, 7 car., 77 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Hakeem Nicks, 39 rec., 660 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Durell Mapp, 87, 54 solo
Sacks: Hilee Taylor, 3
Interceptions: Quinton Person, 1; Chase Rice, 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 James Madison	W
S. 8 at East Carolina	*
S. 15 Virginia	*
S. 22 at South Florida	L
S. 29 at Virginia Tech	L
O. 6 Miami	L
O. 13 South Carolina	L
O. 27 at Wake Forest	L
N. 3 Maryland	L
N. 10 at NC State	L
N. 17 at Georgia Tech	L
N. 24 Duke	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Rutgers	L 16-21
S. 9 Virginia Tech	L 10-35
S. 16 Furman	W 45-42
S. 23 at Clemson	L 7-52
O. 7 at Miami	L 7-27
O. 14 South Florida	L 20-37
O. 19 at Virginia	L 0-23
O. 28 Wake Forest	L 17-24
N. 4 at Notre Dame	L 26-45
N. 11 Georgia Tech	L 0-7
N. 18 NC State	W 23-9
N. 25 at Duke	W 45-44

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.0 ppg	99
Rushing	113.3 ypg	91
Passing	179.7 ypg	84
Total	293.0 ypg	101
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.5 ppg	104
Rushing	172.8 ypg	100
Passing	195.5 ypg	48
Total	368.3 ypg	92
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	112

Head Coach: Butch Davis

2006 Record (ACC): 3-9 (2-6)



MINNESOTA

GOLDEN GOPHERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

BIG TEN PREDICTION

78

11

Offense The Gophers have a new offense and a new quarterback, which should make for an intriguing season. Offensive coordinator Mike Dunbar brings his wide-open spread attack from Cal, a radical departure from the team's run-oriented reputation.

The biggest question mark heading into the season is at quarterback. Junior Tony Mortensen and freshman Adam Weber enter fall camp as the frontrunners to replace three-year starter Bryan Cupito, the school's all-time leading passer.

Dunbar promised to emphasize the running game too, and he has two solid tailbacks in senior Amir Pinnix and sophomore Jay Thomas. After a slow start, Pinnix rushed for 1,272 yards and 10 touchdowns last season.

The offense has depth concerns along the line and at wide receiver. Injuries or inconsistent play at those positions could spell major trouble.

The Gophers finished 117th nationally in pass defense and still lack speed and depth on the back end. Cornerback Dominic Jones is arguably the team's best player. Though undersized (5'8", 190 pounds), Jones is a big hitter who is not afraid to line up in single coverage against the Big Ten's elite wide receivers. Senior Dominique Barber was one of the team's most improved players last season and needs to be a calming presence in the secondary. The defense still needs to solidify the other cornerback spot, find a strong safety and establish some depth.

Specialists The Gophers need more consistency from their kickers, but they have the potential to be very good in the return game. Jones was one of the Big Ten's top return men last season. The coaching staff also is excited about the arrival of freshman Harold Howell, who had seven touchdowns on returns as a senior in high school.

Final Analysis Tim Brewster's arrival and non-stop energy and enthusiasm created a buzz around the program that been missing in the final years of the Glen Mason era. Brewster, who comes to Minnesota from Denver where he was the Broncos' tight ends coach, has reached out to the general fan base, high school coaches and recruits in a way that Mason never did. That alone won't win more games, but it represents a step in the right direction. If Brewster's coaching skills equal his PR skills, the program might finally elevate past mediocrity.

Questions at quarterback and receiver need to be figured out before the team hits the Big Ten schedule. The defense, at least on paper, looks to be stronger upfront but it will be doubted until the results on the field improve.

The schedule is definitely manageable. The Gophers do not play a BCS opponent in the non-conference, and they play Indiana, Northwestern and Illinois in the conference. Still, Minnesota might need to pull off an upset or two just to become bowl eligible.

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Minnesota squandered a 31-point lead in 44-41 loss to Texas Tech in the Insight Bowl, which was the largest blown lead in Division I-A bowl game history.

Defense Minnesota's much-maligned defense showed some improvement in spring practice under new coordinator Everett Withers, who wants a more aggressive, attacking mentality.

The line, which was badly outmanned at times last season, has the potential to be a strength this season. End Willie VanDeSteege is a budding star (10 sacks in 2006), and the line finally has a solid two-deep.

The linebacker corps underwent some personnel changes in order to get more speed and athleticism on the field. Most notably, Steve Davis, a two-year starter at end, moved to linebacker.

The secondary remains the biggest concern.



Amir Pinnix

Offense (6)

WR 1 Ernie Wheelwright (Sr.)	12 Mike Chambers (So.)
WR 7 Eric Decker (So.)	Tray Herndon (Fr.)
WR 82 Marc Cheatham (Jr.)	Harold Howell (Fr.)
LT 64 Steve Shidell (Sr.)	76 Dominic Alford (Fr.)
LG 74 Ryan Ruckdashel (So.)	52 Jeff Tow-Arnett (So.)
C 77 Tony Brinkhaus (Sr.)	53 D.J. Burris (Fr.)
RG 66 Ned Tavale (So.)	69 John Jakel (Sr.)
RT 79 Matt DeGeest (Jr.)	73 Jason Meinke (So.)
TE 80 Jack Simmons (Jr.)	86 Troy Reilly (So.)
QB 17 Tony Mortensen (Jr.)	8 Weber (Fr.)
RB 29 Amir Pinnix (Sr.)	25 Jay Thomas (So.)

Defense (9)

DE 91 Willie VanDeSteege (Jr.)	94 Willie Dyson (So.)
DT 98 Neel Allen (Sr.)	70 Todd Meisel (Sr.)
DT 51 Eric Small (So.)	93 Serge Elizee (Jr.)
DE 6 Alex Daniels (Jr.)	90 Raymond Henderson (So.)
LB 92 Steve Davis (Jr.)	42 Logan U'u (Jr.)
LB 58 Mike Sherels (Sr.)	46 John Shevlin (Sr.)
LB 46 John Shevlin (Sr.)	44 Deon Hightower (Jr.)
CB 2 Dominic Jones (Jr.)	21 Daron Love (Fr.)
CB 11 Desi Steib (Sr.)	9 Keith Massey (So.)
SS 26 Duran Cooley (Sr.)	Curtis Thomas (Fr.)
FS 23 Dominique Barber (Sr.)	15 Jamal Harris (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 31 Jason Giannini (Jr.)	KR 2 Dominic Jones (Jr.)
P 41 Justin Kucek (Jr.)	PR 2 Dominic Jones (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tony Mortensen, 10-2-15-2, 0 TDs
Rushing: Amir Pinnix, 252 car., 1,272 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Ernie Wheelwright, 26 rec., 437 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Mike Sherels, 104, 67 solo
Sacks: Willie VanDeSteege, 10
Interceptions: Dominique Barber, 4 for 57 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Bowling Green	W
S. 8 Miami (Ohio)	W
S. 15 #Florida Atlantic	W
S. 22 Purdue	L
S. 29 Ohio State	L
O. 6 at Indiana	L
O. 13 at Northwestern	*
O. 20 North Dakota State	W
O. 27 at Michigan	L
N. 3 Illinois	*
N. 10 at Iowa	L
N. 17 Wisconsin	L
#Miami, FL	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Kent State	W 44-0
S. 9 at California	L 17-42
S. 16 Temple	W 62-0
S. 23 at Purdue	L 21-27
S. 30 Michigan	L 14-28
O. 7 Penn State	L 27-28
O. 14 at Wisconsin	L 12-48
O. 21 North Dakota State	W 10-9
O. 28 at Ohio State	L 0-44
N. 4 Indiana	W 63-26
N. 11 at Michigan State	W 31-18
N. 18 Iowa	W 34-24
D. 29 Texas Tech	L 41-44

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.9 ppg	30
Rushing	154.4 ypg	42
Passing	221.1 ypg	41
Total	375.5 ypg	30
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.0 ppg	86
Rushing	158.2 ypg	92
Passing	268.2 ypg	117
Total	426.4 ypg	113
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+18	+1.38	1

Head Coach: Tim Brewster

2006 Record (Big Ten): 6-7 (3-5)



COLORADO STATE

RAMS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MWC PREDICTION

6

Offense Colorado State certainly won't lack firepower in 2007. Veteran quarterback Caleb Hanie, who has 17 career starts to his credit, returns for his senior year, and the Rams boast an experienced receiving corps that features five seniors who have started games. Johnny Walker and Damon Morton provide CSU with big-play ability, while Luke Roberts catches everything thrown in his area code.

The true key to Colorado State's success, however, is the return of tailback Kyle Bell from ACL surgery. Bell rushed for 1,288 yards in 2005 to finish second in the Mountain West and was looking for even bigger things last fall when he suffered the injury four days prior to the opener. He has made a remarkable recovery — he was running full speed four months after the surgery — and believes he is as good as new.

That's great news for a team that finished 113th nationally in rushing last fall while averaging a paltry 2.5 yards per rush. But even Bell will have trouble gaining yards if the Rams can't get their line in order. The Rams gave up 41 sacks last year and graduated their two best linemen, so a lot of rebuilding is in order. There's talent on hand, but there's no doubt that fixing the line is the No. 1 priority heading into 2007.

305

Gartrell Johnson led the Rams in rushing last year with 305 yards. That's the fewest yards by a No. 1 rusher at CSU since the school started tracking such things in 1951.

Defense It was difficult to assess the defense's performance last year because it got little or no support from the offense. Given that the Rams were seemingly always on the field, they did a nice job of holding their own — and nine of those 11 starters are back.

The strength of the defense is up front,

where three seniors anchor a group that is experienced and deep. End Jesse Nading is the leader, and tackles Blake Smith and Erik Sandie are warriors inside.

The secondary also returns intact, with senior cornerbacks Darryl Williams and Joey Rucks back after a solid campaign, while safeties Klint Kubiak and Mike Pagnotta are as good a combination as there is in the Mountain West.

The questions are at linebacker, with Jeff Horinek the lone returnee in the middle. The good news is that there is plenty of talent in this unit, with Ricky Brewer, Jake Pottorff and Sedric Patterson emerging stars in the program. The problem is that Brewer is a freshman, while Patterson and Pottorff are sophomores.

If the Rams are going to get back on track after closing 2006 with seven consecutive losses, they will have to generate turnovers. They forced only 12 turnovers last year and ranked near the bottom nationally.

Specialists The Rams are in good shape with senior punter Jimmie Kaylor, who has averaged 44.3 yards over his career, and junior kicker Jason Smith, who finished well last fall after a slow start. They also have plenty of talented return specialists, with Morton and Walker possessing the ability to make plays.

Final Analysis For the first time in the 15 years since Sonny Lubick's arrival, Colorado State fans are starting to wonder about the direction of the program. But with 17 starters back, CSU certainly has everything it needs to get back on track after three consecutive disappointing seasons. However, the Rams have lost seven in a row, and they face a brutal four-game stretch to open the season that could extend their misery.

If they can successfully navigate the early schedule, and if Bell really is as good as new, the Rams will make some noise in the Mountain West race.



Kyle Bell

Offense (8)

SE	7 Johnny Walker (Sr.)	87	Damon Morton (Sr.)
FL	82 Luke Roberts (Sr.)	27	George Hill (Sr.)
LT	53 Cole Pemberton (So.)	70	Marvin Arnold (Sr.)
LG	55 Scott Benedict (So.)	74	Shelley Smith (So.)
C	64 Nick Allotta (Sr.)	57	Tim Walter (So.)
RG	60 Adrian Martinez (So.)	66	Guy Miller (Fr.)
RT	52 Brian Lepak (Fr.)	75	Dane Stratton (Jr.)
TE	88 Chris Kawulok (Jr.)	72	Mark Starr (Fr.)
TE	80 Kory Sperry (Sr.)	89	Kevin McPeck (Jr.)
QB	16 Caleb Hanie (Sr.)	15	Billy Farris (Jr.)
RB	34 Kyle Bell (Jr.)	5	Gartrell Johnson (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE	59 Jesse Nading (Sr.)	91	Tommie Hill (Jr.)
DT	97 Blake Smith (Sr.)	45	Matt Rupp (Jr.)
NT	95 Erik Sandie (Sr.)	62	James Morehead (So.)
DE	93 Wade Landers (Jr.)	44	Bob Vomhof (Sr.)
SLB	56 Ricky Brewer (Fr.)	34	Sedric Patterson (So.)
MLB	51 Jeff Horinek (Jr.)	38	Nathan Pauly (Sr.)
WLB	42 Jake Pottorff (So.)	9	John Clark (Jr.)
CB	39 Darryl Williams (Sr.)	41	DeAngelo Wilkinson (Fr.)
CB	29 Joey Rucks (Sr.)	17	Jermaine Walters (Sr.)
SS	13 Mike Pagnotta (Jr.)	15	Jake Galusha (So.)
FS	20 Klint Kubiak (Jr.)	10	Zac Bryson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	37 Jason Smith (Jr.)	KR	87 Damon Morton (Sr.)
P	8 Jimmie Kaylor (Sr.)	PR	7 Johnny Walker (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Caleb Hanie, 342-209-2,427-12, 11 TDs
Rushing: Gartrell Johnson, 109 car., 305 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Johnny Walker, 58 rec., 586 yds., 0 TD
Tackles: Klint Kubiak, 90, 49 solo
Sacks: Matt Rupp, 4
Interceptions: Darryl Williams, 3 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	#Colorado	*
S. 8	California	L
S. 22	at Houston	L
S. 29	at TCU	L
O. 6	San Diego State	W
O. 13	Air Force	*
O. 20	at UNLV	W
O. 27	Utah	L
N. 3	at BYU	L
N. 10	at New Mexico	L
N. 17	Georgia Southern	W
N. 23	Wyoming	*
	#Denver, CO	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Weber State	W	30-6
S. 9	Colorado	W	14-10
S. 16	at Nevada	L	10-28
S. 30	at Fresno State	W	35-23
O. 7	UNLV	W	28-7
O. 12	at Air Force	L	21-24
O. 21	at Wyoming	L	0-24
O. 28	New Mexico	L	19-20
N. 4	BYU	L	3-24
N. 11	at Utah	L	22-35
N. 25	TCU	L	14-45
D. 2	at San Diego State	L	6-17

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.8 ppg	104
Rushing	76.5 ypg	113
Passing	218.1 ypg	42
Total	294.6 ypg	100
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.9 ppg	52
Rushing	149.1 ypg	80
Passing	181.3 ypg	28
Total	330.3 ypg	53
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	97

Head Coach: Sonny Lubick

2006 Record (MWC): 4-8 (1-7)



CONNECTICUT

HUSKIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

80

BIG EAST PREDICTION

7

Offense UConn had the worst passing offense in the Big East last year. It can't be one-dimensional again and expect to be successful. Although coach Randy Edsall will wait until training camp before choosing either sophomore Dennis Brown or junior college All-American Tyler Lorenzen as the starting quarterback, he was confident enough in both during the spring that he moved last year's starter, D.J. Hernandez, to wide receiver.

Hernandez, meanwhile, will have an impact on the receiving corps. He brings size, toughness and great knowledge of the offense and will provide the perfect complement to a pair of promising sophomores, Terence Jeffers and Brad Kanuch. The Huskies also have a capable tight end in junior Steve Brouse.

Sophomore Donald Brown, who averaged 134.6 rushing yards per game in five Big East starts, is on the verge of stardom and will line up behind an offensive line that is a year older, wiser and most important, healthier. Despite constant reshuffling up front because of injuries in 2006, UConn still rushed for 182.9 yards per game, good for third in the Big East.

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The Huskies have zero wins against top 25 opponents. They will likely get three cracks this fall — Louisville (Oct. 19), Rutgers (Nov. 3) and at West Virginia (Nov. 24).

Defense This will be UConn's fastest, most athletic front seven since joining the Big East in 2004. Senior Dan Davis has moved from end to tackle and will be a menace inside. Julius Williams, a converted linebacker, and Cody Brown will start at the ends and give the Huskies plenty of speed coming off the corners. And that is key because UConn didn't generate enough pressure on opposing quarterbacks last year.

Senior linebackers Danny Lansanah (middle) and Ryan Henegan (outside) finished 1-2 in tackles last season and give the Huskies one of the better backer tandems in the conference. The coaching staff is also high on redshirt freshman Scott Lutrus, who had three interceptions in the spring game.

There are concerns at safety, where two true freshmen will be in the mix along with untested sophomore Robert Vaughn. The Huskies are solid at the corners, however, with the return of All-Big East-caliber Darius Butler (eight interceptions in two seasons) and physical senior Tyvon Branch.

Specialists Senior Larry Taylor is healthy again and will return both punts and kickoffs. Though only 5'6", he is dangerous in the open field and has consistently tilted field position throughout his career. Sophomore Desi Cullen assumes the punting duties, but the Huskies have struggled, at best, in the kicking game and hope either Cullen or incoming freshman Dave Teggart can emerge as a threat.

Final Analysis UConn has improved on both sides of the football by upgrading its talent and gaining experience during a frustrating 2006 season. The key, just like last season, will be at quarterback. The Huskies have struggled at this high-profile position since Dan Orlovsky guided them to the program's only bowl appearance in 2004, and regardless of who wins the starting job, UConn needs a consistent leader who can limit his mistakes.

The Huskies have a favorable non-conference schedule, which they must take advantage of because wins won't come easy in the Big East. In fact, other than a late-season home game against Syracuse, UConn will likely be underdogs against the other six conference teams. For the Huskies to move back into bowl contention, they will probably have to go 2-2 in these four games — road games at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh and home games against Rutgers and South Florida.



Danny Lansanah

Offense (8)

WR 80 Terence Jeffers (So.)	14 D.J. Hernandez (Jr.)
WR 3 Brad Kanuch (So.)	24 Larry Taylor (Sr.)
LT 64 William Beatty (Jr.)	73 Dan Ryan (So.)
LG 62 Lawrence Green (So.)	66 Mathieu Olivier (Fr.)
C 68 Keith Gray (Jr.)	69 Trey Tonsing (Jr.)
RG 55 Donald Thomas (Sr.)	74 Alex LaMagdelaine (So.)
RT 79 Mike Hicks (So.)	78 Zach Hurd (Fr.)
TE 90 Steve Brouse (Jr.)	91 Martin Bedard (Jr.)
QB 11 Dennis Brown (So.)	4 Tyler Lorenzen (Jr.)
FB 47 Anthony Davis (Fr.)	Anthony Sherman (Fr.)
TB 34 Donald Brown (So.)	5 Lou Allen (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 50 Cody Brown (Jr.)	9 Lindsey Witten (So.)
DT 65 Rob Lunn (Jr.)	52 Brandon Dillon (So.)
DT 6 Dan Davis (Sr.)	54 Alex Polito (Fr.)
DE 45 Julius Williams (Jr.)	96 Gary Mack (Sr.)
OLB 32 Scott Lutrus (Fr.)	10 Greg Robinson (Fr.)
MLB 48 Danny Lansanah (Sr.)	59 Jarrell Miller (Fr.)
OLB 43 Ryan Henegan (Sr.)	8 Lawrence Wilson (Fr.)
CB 1 Darius Butler (Jr.)	20 Terry Baltimore (So.)
CB 29 Tyvon Branch (Sr.)	17 Darren McKhan (Fr.)
SS 15 Donnell Ford (Sr.)	27 Aaron Bagsby (Fr.)
FS 33 Robert Vaughn (So.)	37 Corey Stringer (Fr.)

Special Teams

K Dave Teggart (Fr.)	KR 24 Larry Taylor (Sr.)
P 13 Desi Cullen (So.)	PR 24 Larry Taylor (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: D.J. Hernandez, 147-86-849-9, 9 TDs
Rushing: Donald Brown, 161 car., 896 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Larry Taylor, 29 rec., 261 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Danny Lansanah, 99, 45 solo; Ryan Henegan, 92, 50 solo
Sacks: Cody Brown, 4.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 4

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Duke	*
S. 8 Maine	W
S. 15 Temple	W
S. 22 at Pittsburgh	L
S. 29 Akron	W
O. 13 at Virginia	L
O. 20 Louisville	L
O. 27 South Florida	L
N. 3 Rutgers	L
N. 10 at Cincinnati	L
N. 17 Syracuse	*
N. 24 at West Virginia	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Rhode Island	W	52-7
S. 16 Wake Forest	L	13-24
S. 23 at Indiana	W	14-7
S. 30 Navy	L	17-41
O. 7 at South Florida	L	16-38
O. 14 Army	W	21-7
O. 20 West Virginia	L	11-37
O. 29 at Rutgers	L	13-24
N. 11 Pittsburgh (2ot)	W	46-45
N. 18 at Syracuse	L	14-20
N. 25 Cincinnati	L	23-26
D. 2 at Louisville	L	17-48

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.4 ppg	81
Rushing	182.9 ypg	13
Passing	141.0 ypg	110
Total	323.9 ypg	73
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.0 ppg	93
Rushing	179.6 ypg	105
Passing	178.5 ypg	25
Total	358.1 ypg	82
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Randy Edsall

2006 Record (Big East): 4-8 (1-6)



TOLEDO

ROCKETS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MAC WEST PREDICTION

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Offense The Rockets learned last year just how quarterback-dependent their spread offense is, and junior Clint Cochran and sophomore Aaron Opelt need to improve if this group is going to regain its lost thunder. Cochran is back to full strength after an injury, and Opelt has the experience of facing live fire so young.

The legs of senior tailback Jalen Parmele, a 6'0", 222-pounder, are intrinsically linked to Toledo's chances of having a championship-caliber season. The first-team All-MAC pick had 1,131 yards and eight TDs. There is plenty of depth, with junior Richard Davis and sophomore DaJuane Collins, so fresh legs should not be an issue.

The offensive front has been a strength in recent years, and with two-time All-MAC tackle John Greco and his 37 straight starts, the Rockets have their anchor. Jared Dewalt and a group of youngsters offer the additional protection a quarterback under fire needs.

With the graduation loss of the school's No. 2 all-time receiver Steve Odom, the lead role is wide open, and junior Nick Moore seems likely to grab it and run. Moore (6'4") leads a tall group of receivers, the exception being 5'8" speedster Andrew Hawkins. Throw in All-MAC tight end Chris Hopkins (6'5"), and the coverage problems for opponents abound.

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Everything the Rockets do with their spread offense hinges on presenting a rushing threat. Senior Jalen Parmele averaged 5.5 yards per carry last season and provides that threat.

Defense The Rockets enjoy a glut of experience, talent and athleticism up front. Senior Sean Williamson is the anchor at one end, with Skylaar Constant, Tyree Pollard and Douglas Westbrook joining him as starters.

The linebackers are a physical and imposing collection of pursuit specialists, led by senior Greg Hay. Junior Keith Forestal has plenty of starts to his credit and will make his share of plays. Eric Heller and Derrick Summers are the backups.

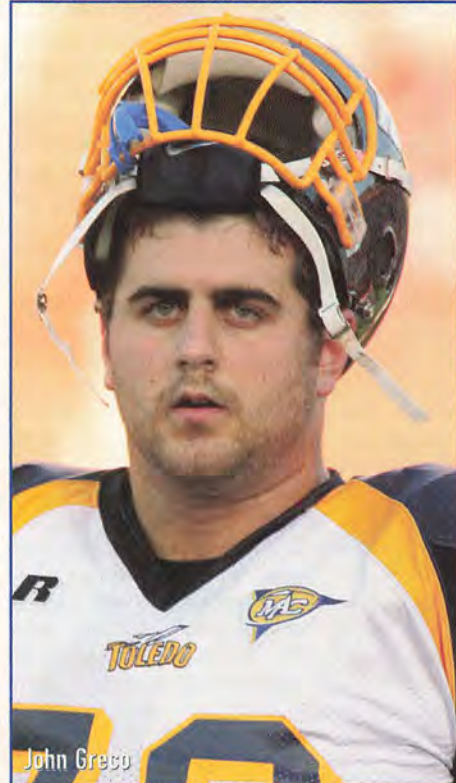
In the secondary, safety Barry Church returns to lead the unit after becoming a rare first-team All-MAC pick last year as a true freshman. He appears headed for greatness as a real difference-maker in the secondary. Senior Tyrrell Herbert at safety adds a wealth of experience to a strong unit.

Specialists Senior punter Brett Kern averaged better than 40 yards per kick, and knocked 21 of them inside the 20. Sophomore kicker Alex Steigerwald won't get many field goal chances with this gambling offense and just needs to be solid on his kickoffs and extra points.

Final Analysis Toledo had been at or near the top of the MAC every year since Tom Amstutz took over the program — that is, before last season's precipitous fall to 5-7. With Purdue, Kansas, Iowa State and defending MAC champ Central Michigan in the first month of the 2007 schedule, the Rockets get no break-in period.

They'll have to sort out their quarterback situation long before the Boilermakers come to town for the season-opener, or the spread will fracture like it did in 2006. Parmele gives the offense a strong foundation, and Hopkins and Greco give the Rockets two all-conference talents up front.

The defense will be an aggressive and attacking unit that seems better-equipped to create some big momentum shifts this season. There is loads of depth up front, and playmakers guarding the deep zone. If the Rockets can come through that rugged first month without significant injuries or a psychological beating, they'll find out if those old game faces from the championship years still fit.



John Greco

Offense (8)

WR 88 Stephen Williams (So.)	4 David Washington (Sr.)
WR 2 Andrew Hawkins (Sr.)	84 Andre Redd (Jr.)
WR 1 Nick Moore (Jr.)	5 Trumaine Smith (Jr.)
LT 79 John Greco (Sr.)	97 Brian Carothers (Jr.)
LG 68 Jared Dewalt (So.)	64 David Perkins (Sr.)
C 55 Levi George (Fr.)	72 Patrick Dawson (Jr.)
RG 76 Jan Gewont (Fr.)	65 Chris Dyko (So.)
RT 62 Chris Meenan (Fr.)	63 Jerry Aguiwa (Sr.)
TE 91 Chris Hopkins (Sr.)	83 John Allen (Jr.)
QB 19 Aaron Opelt (So.)	11 Clint Cochran (Jr.)
RB 33 Jalen Parmele (Sr.)	22 DaJuane Collins (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 92 Sean Williamson (Sr.)	90 Bernard Faithful (Sr.)
DT 89 Skylaar Constant (So.)	87 Patrick Clark (Sr.)
DT 61 Tyree Pollard (Sr.)	98 Maurice Hill (So.)
DE 58 Douglas Westbrook (So.)	95 Nick Lawrence (Sr.)
LB 32 Greg Hay (Sr.)	46 Eric Heller (Jr.)
LB 54 Keith Forestal (Jr.)	56 Derrick Summers (So.)
CB 21 Nigel Morris (Sr.)	31 Joe Shuler (So.)
CB 37 Walter Atkins (So.)	30 Greg Harris (Fr.)
SS 8 Barry Church (So.)	26 Jeff Green (Jr.)
FS 28 Tyrrell Herbert (Sr.)	24 Keiron Brown (Jr.)
S 34 Lester Richmond (So.)	3 Desmond Marrow (So.)

Special Teams

K 85 Alex Steigerwald (So.)	KR 33 Jalen Parmele (Sr.)
P 41 Brett Kern (Sr.)	PR 2 Andrew Hawkins (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Aaron Opelt, 188-102-875-5, 6 TDs
Rushing: Jalen Parmele, 207 car., 1,131 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Richard Davis, 21 rec., 160 yds., 0 TD
Tackles: Tyrrell Herbert, 74, 42 solo; Barry Church, 71, 40 solo
Sacks: Steven Morrison, 5
Interceptions: Barry Church, 4 for 127 yds.
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Purdue	L
S. 8 at Central Michigan	L
S. 15 at Kansas	L
S. 22 Iowa State	*
S. 29 Western Michigan	*
O. 6 Liberty	W
O. 13 at Buffalo	W
O. 20 Ohio	W
O. 27 Northern Illinois	W
N. 3 Eastern Michigan	W
N. 13 at Ball State	*
N. 23 at Bowling Green	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Iowa State	L	43-45
S. 9 at Western Michigan	L	10-31
S. 15 Kansas	W	37-31
S. 23 McNeese State	W	41-7
S. 30 at Pittsburgh	L	3-45
O. 7 Central Michigan	L	20-42
O. 14 at Kent State	L	14-40
O. 21 at Eastern Michigan	L	13-17
O. 28 Akron	W	35-20
N. 7 at Northern Illinois	W	17-13
N. 14 Ball State	L	17-20
N. 21 Bowling Green	W	31-21

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.4 ppg	60
Rushing	156.3 ypg	40
Passing	170.7 ypg	89
Total	326.9 ypg	72
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.7 ppg	95
Rushing	137.9 ypg	63
Passing	195.2 ypg	47
Total	333.1 ypg	57
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-3	-0.25	76

Head Coach: Tom Amstutz

2006 Record (MAC): 5-7 (3-5)



TROY TROJANS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

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Offense Junior college transfer Omar Haugabook took control of Troy's new spread offense last year and wound up sweeping the league's Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year and first-team quarterback honors. He threw for 2,401 yards and 21 scores, and teams couldn't just concentrate on the throwing game since he also optioned for five scores and 313 rushing yards.

Kenny Cattouse had an up-and-down season as Troy's other ground threat, but he still rushed for 810 yards and four scores along with a 4.8 average. He needs more consistency, but he'll get help with the return of power back Sean Dawkins from an injury. The loss of Anthony Jones (transferred to I-AA Jacksonville State) hurts depth-wise, as does the loss of four offensive line starters, leaving Chris Jamison as the only veteran in that group.

Wide receiver Gary Banks may have been the Trojans' happiest player with the switch to the spread, almost tripling his catches (25 to 68) for 603 receiving yards. The former three-year outfielder in the Chicago Cubs organization established himself as a go-to player. Mykeal Terry provides a home-run threat.

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Troy increased its touchdown total by 18 last season — from 20 in 2005 to 38 in '06. The Trojans went from last in the country in scoring to the Sun Belt's top scoring team.

Defense Senior Shawn Todd and junior Kenny Mainor return at the ends, with Mainor getting a team-high six and a half sacks last year. But sophomore Brandon Lang may wind up being more of an impact player than either one. Marcus Pittman is solid at nose tackle, and junior college tackle signee Dion Gales was a big up-front addition.

Marcus Richardson moves from the strong-

side to the weak-side slot and heads up the linebacker corps, but Boris Lee ranked second in tackles last year and makes plays (he led the team in interceptions last year). Senior Romanique Lewis, a solid run-stopper, is healthy for the first time. But after that threesome, depth is a big question.

With shutdown corners McKelvin and Elbert Mack leading the way, the secondary should be the strength of the defense. They'll get help from Florida State transfer Trevor Ford. Six different players have seen significant time in a speedy safety group. Two-year starter Sherrod Martin, returning after sitting out last year, may be relegated to the nickel back slot.

Specialists Placekicker Greg Whibbs has a strong leg but was inconsistent last year (6-of-14 outside 30 yards). He provides a strong kickoff presence, and the Trojans are potent fielding kickoffs with McKelvin the top return threat in the Sun Belt. But there's no established punter, and the deep snapper and holder will both be new.

Final Analysis Nobody will admit it now, but there were Troy football fans who questioned the Trojans' radical shift from a power-based offense to the spread formation before last season. And a 1-4 start against a murderous schedule did little to calm the fears. But no one's complaining now, after Troy put together a stunning late-season run and wound up as Sun Belt champions to go with a 41-17 whipping of Rice in the New Orleans Bowl.

Haugabook is still the main man, but it's more than a one-man show offensively, with Banks and Cattouse capable of big things. Success will rest on how quickly an offensive line devoid of experience can come together.

Troy's defense was overshadowed by the offensive improvement last year, but the Trojans are solid everywhere. McKelvin and Richardson have to lead the way against a schedule that includes three road games against SEC teams.



Omar Haugabook

Offense (5)

WR 81 Mykeal Terry (Jr.)	19 Justin Bray (So.)
WR 1 Cornelius Williams (So.)	21 Austin Silvoy (Fr.)
WR 8 Gary Banks (Sr.)	83 Zack Marcum (So.)
LT 68 Will Chambliss (Jr.)	62 Emeka Okosa (Jr.)
LG 65 Chris Jamison (Jr.)	63 Windham Rotunda (Jr.)
C 75 Danny Franks (So.)	73 Steven Adams (So.)
RG 69 Steven Merkel (Jr.)	66 Nic Riley (So.)
RT 74 Dion Small (Jr.)	70 G. Flanagan-Brown (So.)
QB 17 Omar Haugabook (Sr.)	11 Tanner Jones (Fr.)
FB 22 Kenny Cattouse (Sr.)	28 Xavier Moreland (Jr.)
RB 33 Sean Dawkins (Sr.)	25 Justin Brooks (So.)

Defense (8)

DE 58 Shawn Todd (Sr.)	90 Cameron Sheffield (So.)
NT 93 Marcus Pittman (Sr.)	95 Maurice Coleman (Jr.)
DT 94 Chris Bradwell (Jr.)	92 Steve McLendon (Jr.)
BAN 51 Kenny Mainor (Jr.)	91 Brandon Lang (So.)
SLB 41 Romanique Lewis (Sr.)	29 Johnathan Reese (Jr.)
MLB 2 Boris Lee (So.)	31 John Mark Patrick (Fr.)
WLB 26 Marcus Richardson (Sr.)	24 Josh Maxwell (Sr.)
CB 34 Leodis McKelvin (Sr.)	37 Chris Bowens (Fr.)
CB 13 Elbert Mack (Sr.)	12 Trevor Ford (Jr.)
SS 20 Terence Moore (Jr.)	9 Derick Pendergrass (Sr.)
FS 15 Tavares Williams (Jr.)	18 Courtland Fuller (So.)

Special Teams

K 3 Greg Whibbs (Sr.)	KR 34 Leodis McKelvin (Sr.)
P 85 Adrian Vera (Sr.)	PR 34 Leodis McKelvin (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Omar Haugabook, 393-241-2,401-17, 21 TDs

Rushing: Kenny Cattouse, 168 car., 810 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Gary Banks, 68 rec., 603 yds., 8 TDs

Tackles: Leodis McKelvin, 66, 56 solo; Boris Lee, 62, 54 solo

Sacks: Kenny Mainor, 6.5

Interceptions: Boris Lee, 3 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Arkansas	L
S. 8 at Florida	L
S. 14 Oklahoma State	L
S. 22 at UL Lafayette	W
S. 29 UL Monroe	W
O. 6 at FIU	W
O. 20 North Texas	W
O. 27 at Arkansas State	*
N. 3 at Georgia	L
N. 10 at Western Kentucky	W
N. 20 Middle Tennessee	W
D. 1 Florida Atlantic	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Alabama State	W 38-0
S. 9 at Florida State	L 17-24
S. 16 at Georgia Tech	L 20-35
S. 23 at Nebraska	L 0-56
S. 30 at UAB	L 3-21
O. 14 UL Monroe	W 24-19
O. 28 North Texas	W 14-6
N. 4 UL Lafayette	W 42-28
N. 11 at Florida Atlantic	W 24-17
N. 18 Arkansas State	L 26-33
N. 25 at Middle Tennessee	W 21-20
D. 2 at FIU	W 26-13
D. 22 #Rice	W 41-17
#New Orleans Bowl	

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	69
Rushing	128.5 ypg	66
Passing	191.4 ypg	71
Total	319.9 ypg	77
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.2 ppg	55
Rushing	129.5 ypg	53
Passing	214.9 ypg	77
Total	344.4 ypg	69
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.46	90

Head Coach: Larry Blakeney

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 8-5 (4-1)



RICE OWLS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

4

Offense Even with the new coaching staff, the Owls will operate an offense similar schematically to what was installed prior to last season. There were minor terminology tweaks, but the ideology is essentially the same, which should allow an already confident offense the opportunity to build upon last season's success.

With quarterback Chase Clement and receiver Jarett Dillard, offensive coordinator Tom Herman has a pass-catch tandem well-versed in the art of torching opposing defenses. And with four returning starters on the line, Clement should feel comfortable enough in the pocket to hand the ball to one of four tailback candidates or pass to a growing number of receiving options that complement the dynamic Dillard.

In Toren Dixon, Corbin Smither and Andrew Novak, Clement has a trio of sophomore receivers anxious to build upon the experience gained as true freshmen. Joel Armstrong, who made four starts spelling the injured Clement last season, and Tommy Henderson form a gritty and dependable tandem in the slot, and sophomore tight end Taylor Wardlow is a likely candidate for a breakout campaign. Wardlow (6'6", 205) blends good hands with deceptive athleticism, an asset displayed when he turns upfield after the catch. There are questions at tailback, where Marcus Knox, C.J. Ugokwe, Bio Bilaye-Benibo and Bubba Heard are untested.

7 Rice logged over 13,000 travel miles in 2006. This season, the Owls play only two games (Marshall and Southern Miss) outside Texas' borders.

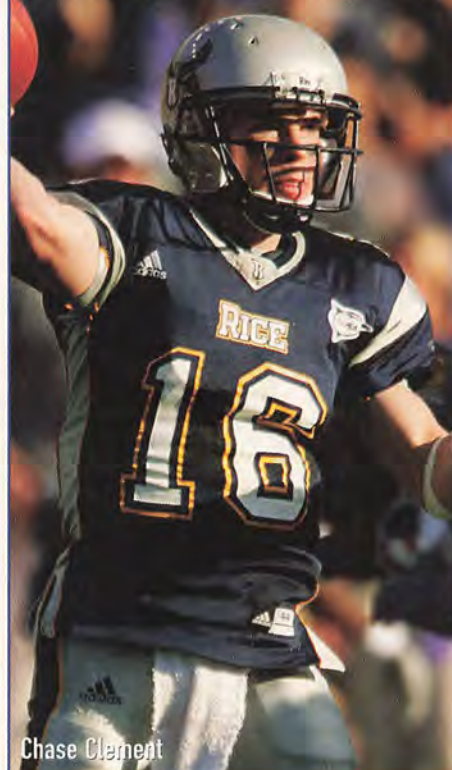
Defense Last season opposing offenses ran roughshod over the Owls, and that scenario could unfold again given the lack of depth up front. Only two defensive linemen — seniors

George Chukwu and Jonathan Cary — logged extensive repetitions, and the top four defensive ends are either newcomers to the position (former Chicago White Sox farmhand James Casey) or inexperienced as every-down contributors (Victor Brooks and Dietrich Davis). Reserve tackle Chris Ptaszek was recruited as an offensive tackle. That combination of factors means at least two incoming freshmen could be in the rotation.

The Owls have no such problems at linebacker and safety. Terrance Garmon and Robert Calhoun are athletic linebackers who cover ground swiftly, and Brian Raines was a destructive force while earning all-conference honors in 2006. Should he return fully healthy following offseason shoulder surgery, the Owls' options at linebacker will be plentiful. The same could be said at safety, where Andrew Sendejo leads after earning freshman All-America honors last season. Juniors Bencil Smith and Carl Taylor are back after subpar sophomore seasons, while redshirt freshman Max Anyiam has the physical tools to shine.

Specialists Former walk-on Clark Fangmeier earned a scholarship after converting all 35 PATs and nailing a game-winning, 40-yard field goal against East Carolina. After sharing placekicking duties with Fangmeier last season, Luke Juist will handle punting chores. Who tackles returns is anyone's guess, although cornerbacks Chris Douglas and Ja'Corey Shepherd appear to be logical choices to return kickoffs and punts, respectively.

Final Analysis The tone of the season could be defined in the opening weeks against Nicholls State and Baylor, but the Owls' conference hopes will hinge on their ability to win at Southern Miss, Houston and SMU. It isn't outlandish to project improvements on offense and defense, but it will be difficult for the Owls to match their plus-eight turnover margin or the three victories they managed on their final play from scrimmage.



Chase Clement

Offense (8)

WR 81 Jarett Dillard (Jr.)	80 Corbin Smither (So.)
WR 3 Toren Dixon (So.)	11 Pierre Beasley (Fr.)
WR 13 Joel Armstrong (Sr.)	7 Tommy Henderson (Jr.)
LT 63 David Berken (Jr.)	61 Scott Austin (Sr.)
LG 72 Robby Heos (Sr.)	60 Jimmy Miller (Jr.)
C 73 Austin Wilkinson (Jr.)	52 David Perkins (Sr.)
RG 52 David Perkins (Sr.)	57 Robby Hamilton (Jr.)
RT 68 Lute Barber (Sr.)	67 Preston Thompson (So.)
TE 84 Taylor Wardlow (So.)	88 Will Moss (Jr.)
QB 16 Chase Clement (Jr.)	17 John Shepherd (So.)
RB 27 Marcus Knox (So.)	28 C.J. Ugokwe (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 40 James Casey (Fr.)	90 Victor Brooks (So.)
DT 99 George Chukwu (Sr.)	74 Chris Ptaszek (Jr.)
DE 58 Jonathan Cary (Sr.)	91 Todd Mohr (Jr.)
DT 21 Dietrich Davis (Jr.)	96 Travis Mason (So.)
LB 34 Terrance Garmon (So.)	36 Vernon James (Jr.)
LB 31 Brian Raines (Jr.)	42 Robert Calhoun (So.)
CB 9 Ja'Corey Shepherd (Jr.)	1 Gary Anderson (Sr.)
CB 15 Brandon King (Jr.)	24 Chris Douglas (So.)
S 30 Andrew Sendejo (So.)	33 Max Anyiam (Fr.)
S 20 Bencil Smith (Jr.)	25 Joseph Agnew (So.)
S 29 Carl Taylor (Jr.)	14 Justin Abt (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 46 Clark Fangmeier (So.)	KR 24 Chris Douglas (So.)
P 41 Luke Juist (Sr.)	PR 9 Ja'Corey Shepherd (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chase Clement, 265-153-1,707-5, 21 TDs
Rushing: Chase Clement, 107 car, 481 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Jarett Dillard, 91 rec., 1,247 yds., 21 TDs
Tackles: Brian Raines, 118, 85 solo
Sacks: Brian Raines, 4.5
Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Nicholls State	W
S. 8 at Baylor	*
S. 15 Texas Tech	L
S. 22 at Texas	L
O. 3 at Southern Miss	L
O. 13 at Houston	L
O. 20 Memphis	W
O. 27 at Marshall	L
N. 3 UTEP	*
N. 10 at SMU	L
N. 17 Tulane	W
N. 24 Tulsa	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Houston	L	30-31
S. 9 at UCLA	L	16-26
S. 16 Texas	L	7-52
S. 23 at Florida State	L	7-55
S. 30 at Army	W	48-14
O. 7 at Tulane	L	24-38
O. 14 UAB	W	34-33
O. 21 at UCF	W	40-29
N. 4 at UTEP	W	37-31
N. 11 at Tulsa (2ot)	W	41-38
N. 18 East Carolina	W	18-17
N. 25 SMU	W	31-27
D. 22 #Troy	L	17-41

#New Orleans Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.9 ppg	41
Rushing	131.0 ypg	60
Passing	214.1 ypg	47
Total	345.1 ypg	58
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.2 ppg	112
Rushing	187.9 ypg	112
Passing	226.6 ypg	91
Total	414.5 ypg	112
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.62	21

Head Coach: David Bailiff

2006 Record (C-USA): 7-6 (6-2)



NEVADA

WOLF PACK

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WAC PREDICTION

4

Offense Nevada's "pistol" offense, a modified shotgun formation, will have a new look this year without three-year starter Jeff Rowe, who was lost to graduation. And how good the offense will be is dependent on how well the Pack are able to replace Rowe.

The smart money says Nick Graziano, the only quarterback on the roster that has taken a Division I snap, will be the man to run the offense. Graziano, at 6'1", 220 pounds, has a strong arm and is surprisingly mobile. Graziano was brilliant in the spring game — completing 10-of-13 for 150 yards with no interceptions, and ran for two touchdowns.

But many in Reno believe redshirt freshman Colin Kaepernick is the future of Wolf Pack football. The 6'6", 205-pounder has a rocket arm and is shaped more like Rowe than Graziano with his tall, slender build.

The Wolf Pack could again be a conservative bunch with two running backs, Luke Lippincott and Brandon Fragger, offering a powerful one-two punch of contrasting styles.

But the strength of the offense should be a receiving corps that Nevada coach Chris Ault believes is the fastest group he has had since returning to the helm of the Wolf Pack program.

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Nevada led the WAC and was seventh in the nation in turnover margin, a credit to its ball-control offense and its ball-hawking defense, which created 37 takeways in 2006.

Defense Nevada's 3-4 defense made big strides last year, as the once high-flying program turned into a more conservative, ball-control team. Statistically, Nevada was the second-best defensive team in the WAC last year.

If the Wolf Pack hope to improve, they must lean on their linebackers. Senior Ezra Butler —

a leading candidate for the league's Defensive Player of the Year honor — is the most gifted. At 6'2", 248 pounds, Butler recorded 17.5 tackles for loss in 2006, using his sub-4.5 speed to beat defenders on the edge.

"In all my years of coaching, these guys had as good a spring as any group of linebackers I've had," Ault says. "We can run on defense — and I mean run."

A large part of the Wolf Pack's success started up front in 2006, with nose guard Matt Hines spearheading the attack, but depth is a concern this year. Nevada's improved speed and depth in the secondary should serve it well.

Specialists De'Angelo Wilson was one of the WAC's top return men, but he was kicked off the team in the spring. Now, Nevada will turn to Dwayne Sanders for kickoff returns and the intriguing Brian Fludd for punt returns. Fludd, a 5'9", 160-pounder from the junior college ranks walked on in the spring and immediately impressed with his 4.3 speed. Both kickers from last season — punter Zacary Whited and placekicker Brett Jaekle — return.

Final Analysis The Wolf Pack look to step up their standing in the non-BCS world with an upgraded schedule that features a pair of BCS foes. They'll be playing arguably their highest-profile opponent ever when they face Nebraska in Lincoln. They follow that up with a trip to Northwestern.

But after two consecutive bowl appearances, somebody other than Rowe must lead the Pack. Nevada's effort to upgrade its team speed should pay dividends at receiver, easing some of the quarterback's growing pains.

Overall, the team's inexperience at key positions, particularly at quarterback, will make it difficult for the Pack to keep up with WAC bullies Boise State and Hawaii. But there is enough talent to keep Nevada on the winning side of .500 and stay in the hunt for a third consecutive bowl appearance.



Marko Mitchell

Offense (5)

WR 81 Arthur King Jr. (So.)	16 Chris Wellington (Fr.)
WR 86 Jack Darlington (Jr.)	5 Kyle Sammons (Sr.)
WR 84 Marko Mitchell (Jr.)	89 Mike McCoy (Jr.)
WT 73 Alonzo Durham (So.)	50 Mike Gallett (Fr.)
WG 60 Greg Hall (Jr.)	65 Brad Eskew (Jr.)
C 61 Dominic Green (Jr.)	53 Fred White (Sr.)
SG 75 Charles Manu (Sr.)	66 Kyle Robertson (Sr.)
ST 62 John Bender (Fr.)	72 Clayton Johnson (Jr.)
TE 88 Adam Bishop (Sr.)	98 Junior Puloka (So.)
QB 8 Nick Graziano (So.)	10 Colin Kaepernick (Fr.)
RB 7 Luke Lippincott (Jr.)	9 Brandon Fragger (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 94 Mundrae Clifton (Jr.)	97 Jay Dixon (Sr.)
NT 57 Matt Hines (Sr.)	95 Nate Agaiva (So.)
DE 48 Eric Clark (Sr.)	72 Thomas Flinn (So.)
SLB 44 Jeremy Engstrom (Sr.)	52 Nick Fuhr (Sr.)
MLB 31 Kevin Porter (Jr.)	54 Jerome Johnson (Jr.)
WLB 30 Joshua Mauga (Jr.)	51 Jared Silva (Fr.)
BLB 56 Ezra Butler (Sr.)	47 John Simpson (Sr.)
CB 20 Devon Walker (Sr.)	18 Shannon Sevor (Sr.)
CB 35 Paul Pratt (Sr.)	32 Kenny Viser (Fr.)
SS 17 Uche Anyanwu (Jr.)	24 Mike Samples (So.)
FS 49 Jonathon Amaya (So.)	29 Justin Jackson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 13 Brett Jaekle (Jr.)	KR 2 Dwayne Sanders (So.)
P 69 Zacary Whited (Sr.)	PR 19 Brian Fludd (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Nick Graziano, 17-9-92-0, 1 TD
Rushing: Luke Lippincott, 94 car., 456 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Marko Mitchell, 39 rec., 493 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Ezra Butler, 71, 47 solo
Sacks: Ezra Butler, 7.5
Interceptions: Joshua Mauga, 3 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Nebraska	L
S. 8 at Northwestern	L
S. 15 Nicholls State	W
S. 29 UNLV	*
O. 6 Fresno State	*
O. 14 at Boise State	L
O. 20 at Utah State	W
O. 27 Idaho	W
N. 2 at New Mexico State	W
N. 16 Hawaii	L
N. 24 at San Jose State	L
D. 1 Louisiana Tech	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 1 at Fresno State	L 19-28
S. 9 at Arizona State	L 21-52
S. 16 Colorado State	W 28-10
S. 22 Northwestern	W 31-21
S. 30 at UNLV	W 31-3
O. 7 at Hawaii	L 34-41
O. 21 San Jose State	W 23-7
O. 28 New Mexico State	W 48-21
N. 4 at Idaho	W 45-7
N. 11 Utah State	W 42-0
N. 18 at Louisiana Tech	W 42-0
N. 25 Boise State	L 7-38
D. 31 #Miami	L 20-21

#MPC Computers Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.1 ppg	20
Rushing	170.2 ypg	24
Passing	187.4 ypg	74
Total	357.5 ypg	46
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.2 ppg	30
Rushing	128.5 ypg	52
Passing	196.9 ypg	52
Total	325.5 ypg	48
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+12	+0.92	7

Head Coach: Chris Ault

2006 Record (WAC): 8-5 (5-3)



BAYLOR BEARS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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Offense When starting quarterback Shawn Bell went down with a season-ending knee injury last year, offensive coordinator Lee Hays had few options. He's got a whole different problem this year.

The frontrunner coming out of spring was well-traveled Michael Machen, a senior transfer from Kent State who's making his fourth stop on his personal collegiate tour. But there's also junior college transfer John David Weed and sophomore Blake Szymanski, who struggled in replacing Bell in the final three games last season.

Whoever ends up at quarterback will break in a new corps of receivers. With Dominique Zeigler and Trent Shelton gone, the best options are Ernest Smith, Thomas White and Mikail Baker at wide receiver and Justin Akers, Carl Sims and converted quarterback Brad Taylor at the inside spots.

5 Head coach Guy Morriss will be working with five new assistant coaches this year after firing two, losing two to the NFL and one to the University of Miami.

Running back Brandon Whitaker is actually the leading returning receiver with 60 catches for 352 yards over the last two seasons. But he's hoping to improve on a running game that was ranked last among 119 Division I-A teams with 40.2 yards per game.

The key to that is improved play from a line that has sophomore transfer J.D. Walton from Arizona State at center and junior tackle Jason Smith flipping to the left side.

Defense A busy offseason of coaching changes left veteran assistant Larry Hoefer, the lone holdover from coach Guy Morriss' original staff at Baylor, as the Bears' third defensive coordinator in five years under Morriss. But

instead of making wholesale changes with a unit that allowed 408.2 yards and 32.6 points per game, Hoefer will just "add his own little twists to it," Morriss says.

It helps that he has linebackers Nick Moore and Joe Pawelek among the six returning starters. Pawelek earned freshman All-America honors with a team-high 86 tackles. Depth is a question up front, but Vincent Rhodes and Trey Bryant give the Bears a solid push up the middle. Without question, cornerback is one of the biggest areas of concern. The Bears lost starters Anthony Arline and C.J. Wilson, and senior Braelon Davis missed the spring trying to regain his academic eligibility.

Specialists Baylor likely will rely on true freshman kickers Derek Epperson and Shea Brewster this season after losing Ray Guy Award winner Daniel Sepulveda and Ryan Havens. Just as important is finding kick returners who will at least hang on to the ball. The Bears can't afford a repeat of the special team turnovers that plagued them last year.

Final Analysis Working with five new assistant coaches and without a contract extension, Morriss is under the gun to win in a year when the Bears have to replace seven offensive starters and find a pair of starting cornerbacks.

If Machen can nail down the quarterback job, he should at least have more time to throw behind an improved offensive line. There will be more of a committee approach at receiver, but there are enough weapons at the positions to spread the wealth.

The defense has been porous at best, but the Bears rank among the national leaders over the last two seasons with 56 forced turnovers. That trend could be tough to sustain with two new corners, but free safety Jordan Lake is a good center fielder with a penchant for big hits.

Baylor hasn't won more than three conference games since joining the Big 12, so any postseason hopes hinge on a non-conference schedule that includes a road-trip opener at TCU.



Joe Pawelek

Offense (4)

WR 21 Thomas White (Jr.)	4 David Gettis (So.)
WR 82 Justin Akers (So.)	80 Jordan Adams (Sr.)
WR 24 Carl Sims (Jr.)	18 Brad Taylor (Fr.)
WR 13 Ernest Smith (So.)	3 Mikail Baker (Jr.)
LT 72 Jason Smith (Jr.)	78 Chris Griesenbeck (So.)
LG 71 Dan Gay (Jr.)	60 Sam Sledge (So.)
C 55 J.D. Walton (So.)	53 Mike Miller (Sr.)
RG 70 Chad Smith (Sr.)	61 James Barnard (So.)
RT 74 Thad Boatner (So.)	75 Jordan Hearvey (So.)
QB 7 Michael Machen (Sr.)	6 Blake Szymanski (So.)
RB 2 Brandon Whitaker (Sr.)	32 Jay Finley (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE 88 Jason Lamb (So.)	49 Leon Freeman (Jr.)
DT 97 Trey Bryant (So.)	92 Connor Redfearn (Sr.)
DT 91 Vincent Rhodes (Jr.)	99 Rex McDougald (Fr.)
DE 57 Geoff Nelson (Sr.)	10 Jameon Hardeman (Fr.)
MLB 41 Joe Pawelek (So.)	34 Ben Hixon (Jr.)
WLB 44 Nick Moore (Sr.)	8 Antonio Jones (So.)
CB 5 Braelon Davis (Sr.)	26 Antareis Bryan (Fr.)
CB 20 Alton Widemon (Sr.)	27 Dominique Criss (Fr.)
OS 4 Jeremy Williams (So.)	Ray Sims (Jr.)
ROV 1 Dwain Crawford (Jr.)	9 Brandon Stiggers (Sr.)
FS 21 Jordan Lake (So.)	30 Tim Atchison (Fr.)

Special Teams

K Shea Brewster (Fr.)	KR 3 Mikail Baker (Jr.)
P Derek Epperson (Fr.)	PR 24 Carl Sims (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Blake Szymanski, 121-64-689-7, 4 TDs
Rushing: Brandon Whitaker, 41 car., 158 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Brandon Whitaker, 30 rec., 192 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Joe Pawelek, 86, 46 solo; Nick Moore, 75, 32 solo
Sacks: Geoff Nelson, 2.5
Interceptions: Dwain Crawford, 3 for 15 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at TCU	L
S. 8 Rice	*
S. 15 Texas State	W
S. 22 at Buffalo	W
S. 29 at Texas A&M	L
O. 6 Colorado	L
O. 13 at Kansas	L
O. 20 Texas	L
O. 27 at Kansas State	L
N. 3 Texas Tech	L
N. 10 at Oklahoma	L
N. 17 Oklahoma State	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3 TCU	L 7-17
S. 9 Northwestern St.	W 47-10
S. 16 at Washington St.	L 15-17
S. 23 Army	(ot) L 20-27
S. 30 Kansas State	W 17-3
O. 7 at Colorado	(ot) W 34-31
O. 14 at Texas	L 31-63
O. 21 Kansas	W 36-35
O. 28 Texas A&M	L 21-31
N. 4 at Texas Tech	L 21-55
N. 11 at Oklahoma State	L 24-66
N. 18 Oklahoma	L 10-36

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.6 ppg	59
Rushing	40.2 ypg	119
Passing	275.0 ypg	11
Total	315.2 ypg	86
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	32.6 ppg	110
Rushing	191.1 ypg	113
Passing	217.1 ypg	83
Total	408.2 ypg	110
TD Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	97

Head Coach: Guy Morriss

2006 Record (Big 12): 4-8 (3-5)



EAST CAROLINA

PIRATES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Rob Kass, a sophomore, was the only ECU quarterback other than James Pinkney to throw a pass last season. But the mop-up duty he saw in 2006 will pale in comparison to the challenges he faces as the man in charge of the Pirates' offense this fall. Kass realizes the act he's following — Pinkney left ECU as the team's second all-time passing leader behind David Garrard — is a tough one. But with coaching staff newcomer and longtime Skip Holtz associate Todd Fitch on board as the new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Kass should get the attention he needs to blossom into a top-flight passer.

With star receiver Aundrea Allison off to the NFL after an explosive two seasons with the Pirates, the team he leaves behind needs some reliable new sets of hands. Sophomore Jamar Bryant could be the answer, but he'll need plenty of help from Phillip Henry and Steven Rogers in order to keep double-teams away.

In the backfield, Chris Johnson and Dominique Lindsay will be the lead runners. But improving last year's measly production of 115.5 yards rushing per game is a must.

Some serious mixing and matching occurred on the line last season, especially at center. Sophomore Stephen Heis is the leading candidate and should be helped by experienced guards Matt Butler and Josh Coffman.

43.0

East Carolina converted 43.0 percent of its third-down opportunities

last year, ranking 27th in the nation.

Defense A great deal of balance has been established up front the last two seasons by coordinator Greg Hudson and line coach Donnie Thompson, but this year the Pirates are hoping for a more attacking approach after managing only 18 sacks all season. On the

ends, Marcus Hands, Zach Slate, Scotty Robinson and C.J. Wilson all return with experience. Added to the mix is North Carolina transfer Khalif Mitchell.

Juniors Quentin Cotton and Pierre Bell will again flank senior middle linebacker Fred Wilson, which should give the Pirates the best linebacking corps in Holtz's three seasons. The trio finished second, third and fourth, respectively, in tackles last season.

The secondary will undoubtedly be a target for opposing quarterbacks after three of the Pirates' four starters were lost to graduation. Senior Travis Williams hopes his second season as a starting corner will be better. Holtz wants Williams to become a leader in a largely inexperienced secondary.

Specialists Sophomore Ben Hartman hopes he can stay productive after stealing a share of the kicking duties from Robert Lee last season. Replacing punter Ryan Dougherty's leadership won't be easy; Nathan Przezdzielski and Matt Dodge will battle in the fall for the top job.

Final Analysis After a return to the postseason in his second year at East Carolina, Holtz has his aim set on building the Pirates' program, not just another winning team. A schedule filled with fellow bowl attendees from a season ago will be the primary roadblock between ECU and a second consecutive postseason appearance.

There are no doubt some major concerns — quarterback, receiver and the defensive backfield, to name a few — but it's not hard to see that Holtz has things headed in the right direction. "I'm encouraged because I think we are better in so many positions, but I'm still not satisfied because we're not ready to play," says Holtz, who is 12-12 with the Pirates entering his third season. "We're growing. We're making strides, but we're a long way away from being able to be competitive against the schedule that we have, especially early in the season."



Phillip Henry

Offense (5)

WR 10 Jamar Bryant (So.)	81 Alex Taylor (So.)
WR 32 Phillip Henry (Sr.)	17 Dwayne Harris (Fr.)
WR 83 Steven Rogers (Sr.)	Ricky Johnson (Jr.)
LT 69 Willie Barton (Jr.)	93 Brandon Setzer (Jr.)
LG 68 Matt Butler (Sr.)	75 Cory Dowless (So.)
C 72 Stephen Heis (So.)	67 Fred Hicks (Jr.)
RG 76 Josh Coffman (Sr.)	70 Doug Palmer (So.)
RT 74 Terence Campbell (So.)	66 D.J. Scott (Fr.)
TE 3 Davon Drew (Jr.)	87 J.R. Kraemer (Jr.)
QB 14 Rob Kass (So.)	15 Patrick Pinkney (Jr.)
RB 5 Chris Johnson (Sr.)	24 Dominique Lindsay (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 92 Marcus Hands (Jr.)	95 C.J. Wilson (So.)
DT 90 Jay Ross (So.)	94 Willie Smith (Fr.)
NG 96 Mark Robinson (Sr.)	97 Wendell Chavis (Sr.)
DE 53 Scotty Robinson (So.)	41 Zach Slate (Jr.)
OLB 34 Pierre Bell (Jr.)	42 Danny Muhwezi (Sr.)
MLB 51 Fred Wilson (Sr.)	44 Nick Johnson (So.)
OLB 50 Quentin Cotton (Jr.)	49 Jeremy Chambliss (So.)
CB 8 Travis Williams (Sr.)	35 Jerek Hewett (Jr.)
CB 33 Leon Best (Jr.)	23 Dekota Marshall (Fr.)
SS 20 J.J. Milbrook (Jr.)	38 Chris Mattocks (So.)
FS 37 Van Eskridge (So.)	9 Melvin Patterson (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 30 Ben Hartman (So.)	KR 5 Chris Johnson (Sr.)
P 5 Nathan Przezdzielski (Fr.)	PR 8 Travis Williams (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Rob Kass, 30-14-184-1, 0 TD
Rushing: Chris Johnson, 78 rec., 314 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Phillip Henry, 34 rec., 484 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Quentin Cotton, 68, 34 solo
Sacks: C.J. Wilson, 4
Interceptions: Travis Williams, 2 for 0 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Virginia Tech	L
S. 8 North Carolina	*
S. 15 Southern Miss	L
S. 22 at West Virginia	L
S. 29 at Houston	L
O. 6 UCF	L
O. 13 at UTEP	*
O. 20 NC State	L
O. 27 UAB	W
N. 3 at Memphis	*
N. 10 at Marshall	L
N. 24 Tulane	W

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2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Navy	L 23-28
S. 9 at UAB	L 12-17
S. 16 Memphis	W 35-20
S. 23 West Virginia	L 10-27
O. 7 Virginia	W 31-21
O. 14 Tulsa	L 10-31
O. 21 SMU	W 38-21
O. 28 at Southern Miss (ot) W	20-17
N. 4 at UCF	W 23-10
N. 11 Marshall	W 33-20
N. 18 at Rice	L 17-18
N. 25 at NC State	W 21-16
D. 23 #South Florida	L 7-24

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2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.5	79
Rushing	115.5	85
Passing	232.6	31
Total	348.2	54
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.8	46
Rushing	145.2	71
Passing	184.2	35
Total	329.3	52
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+4	+0.31	38

Head Coach: Skip Holtz

2006 Record (C-USA): 7-6 (5-3)



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NATIONAL FORECAST

MWC PREDICTION

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Offense New coach Troy Calhoun wants to pass 10 more times per game this season, which should allow senior quarterback Shaun Carney to finally reach his potential. Carney never fit into the rigid restraints of Fisher DeBerry's triple-option offense. He's a passer first and a runner second.

This could be his season to finally lead the Falcons to a winning record. Carney is a precise passer who can shred a defense, especially on passes under 20 yards. He's completed nearly 62 percent of his career passes. He's tough in the pocket and willing to take a big hit to ensure a completion. Carney is an exceedingly calm young man, and he has calmly led the Falcons to three straight losing seasons. He needs to adopt a more fiery leadership style — being more vocal and emotional.

Halfback Jim Ollis, who doubles as the backup quarterback, leads a potentially powerful group of running backs. Ryan Williams, a short yet brutish fullback, almost carried the Falcons to an upset for the ages over Tennessee, and Chad Hall, last season's starting halfback, should excel as Calhoun's Z-back.

The Falcons want to throw more, but there are a few problems. Carney will be looking downfield at a mediocre, at best, collection of receivers, and he lacks the athletic, brawny linemen required to give him the seconds he requires to find receivers.

emotional style and bone-jarring hitting and ranks among the MWC's premier defenders.

End Jake Paulson is one of the team's best athletes. He's fast, mighty and properly violent but must emerge as a pass-rushing threat. Last season, opposing quarterbacks enjoyed too much time to scan the field.

The Falcons have discarded former defensive coordinator Richard Bell's passive, zone-based coverage. They will play more man-to-man and battle receivers at the line of scrimmage under new coordinator Tim DeRuyter's scheme. But this more aggressive approach demands levels of quickness and toughness that might be beyond the Falcons' current ability.

Remember, this is a secondary that allowed 213.4 yards passing per game and 20 touchdowns last season. Safety Chris Thomas, the surprise star of the spring, offers hope.

Specialists Junior punter and placekicker Ryan Harrison has long been the next big thing at the Academy and could become one of the MWC's best kickers. He lacks only experience. Coaches hope he can combine poise with his powerful leg. Air Force was sensational last season in one category — blocking five extra points.

Final Analysis The Falcons could follow their quarterback, Carney, and their emotional linebacker, Fowler, and make a run at the .500 mark. The challenge will be surviving the early schedule, which sends the Falcons on the road for rugged games — Utah, BYU and Navy — three times in four weeks.

Carney must deliver a strong farewell season. He should prosper in Calhoun's new offense, which plays to Carney's strengths as an accurate short passer. The Falcons will still run some option, but Calhoun insists it is not an option attack.

The defensive secondary, atrocious in recent seasons, must play with more confidence and aggression and quit surrendering long gains.



Shaun Carney

Offense (4)

WR	7 Mark Root (Sr.)	80 Anthony Hemphill (So.)
ZB	1 Chad Hall (Sr.)	19 Ty Paffett (Sr.)
LT	74 Chris Monson (Sr.)	73 Dan Holder (Sr.)
LG	57 Nick Charles (So.)	62 Peter Lusk (So.)
C	64 Blaine Guenther (Sr.)	63 Andrew Pipes (Jr.)
RG	69 Caleb Morris (Sr.)	67 Tyler Weeks (Jr.)
TE	70 Ryan Zeman (Sr.)	59 Chris Campbell (So.)
RT	88 Travis Dekker (Sr.)	85 Keith Madsen (Jr.)
QB	5 Shaun Carney (Sr.)	15 Jim Ollis (Sr.)
FB	21 Ryan Williams (Sr.)	40 Scott Peebles (Sr.)
TB	15 Jim Ollis (Sr.)	24 Chad Smith (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE	95 Jake Paulson (Jr.)	77 Myles Morales (Jr.)
NG	56 Jared Marvin (Jr.)	79 Keith Williams (Jr.)
DE	91 Ryan Kemp (Jr.)	97 Josh Clayton (Sr.)
OLB	9 John Rabold (Sr.)	26 David Nan (Jr.)
ILB	33 Drew Fowler (Sr.)	20 Daniel Hill (So.)
ILB	52 Austin Randle (Sr.)	51 Aaron Shanor (Sr.)
OLB	4 Julian Madrid (Sr.)	32 Hunter Altman (Jr.)
CB	2 Carson Bird (Sr.)	6 Kevin Rivers (Jr.)
CB	39 Garrett Rybak (Sr.)	3 Nathan Smith (Sr.)
SS	34 Chris Thomas (So.)	29 Blake Brooks (So.)
FS	11 Bobby Giannini (Sr.)	23 Aaron Kirchoff (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	13 Ryan Harrison (Jr.)	KR	15 Jim Ollis (Sr.)
P	13 Ryan Harrison (Jr.)	PR	1 Chad Hall (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Shaun Carney, 137-82-1,192-3, 12 TDs

Rushing: Chad Hall, 155 car, 784 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Mark Root, 16 rec., 314 yds., 0 TDs

Tackles: Drew Fowler, 123, 47 solo

Sacks: Julian Madrid, 4

Interceptions: Julian Madrid, 2; John Rabold, 2

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890

Quarterback Shaun Carney needs 890 passing yards to break Dave Ziebart's school record.

Defense The Falcons have surrendered 30 or more points 16 times in the last 41 games. The defenders need to walk away from the recent past and play with more wisdom and toughness. Linebacker Drew Fowler was one of the lone lights in last season's defensive darkness. He blends speed, a fist-waving,

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	South Carolina St.	W
S. 8	at Utah	L
S. 13	TCU	L
S. 22	at BYU	L
S. 29	at Navy	L
O. 6	UNLV	W
O. 13	at Colorado State	*
O. 20	Wyoming	L
O. 25	at New Mexico	L
N. 3	Army	W
N. 10	at Notre Dame	L
N. 17	San Diego State	W

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2006 RESULTS

S. 9	at Tennessee	L	30-31
S. 23	at Wyoming	W	31-24
S. 30	New Mexico	W	24-7
O. 7	Navy	L	17-24
O. 12	Colorado State	W	24-21
O. 21	at San Diego State	L	12-19
O. 28	BYU	L	14-33
N. 3	at Army	W	43-7
N. 11	Notre Dame	L	17-39
N. 18	Utah	L	14-17
N. 24	at UNLV	L	39-42
D. 2	at TCU	L	14-38

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.3 ppg	62
Rushing	229.4 ypg	3
Passing	101.3 ypg	118
Total	330.7 ypg	69

Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.17 ppg	78
Rushing	141.25 ypg	68
Passing	213.42 ypg	75
Total	354.67 ypg	78

TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+8	+0.67	17

Head Coach: Troy Calhoun

2006 Record (MWC): 4-8 (3-5)



KENT STATE

GOLDEN FLASHES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MAC EAST PREDICTION

1

Offense Julian Edelman was a late addition to the program during the spring of 2006, but the junior college transfer certainly made a quick impression. Edelman entered the fall as the No. 3 quarterback but earned his way into the starting lineup for the season opener against Minnesota. A bit undersized at 5'11", he is a threat to move the ball with his arm (1,859 yards passing) or his legs (658 yards rushing).

The running game showed dramatic improvement last year, due largely to Edelman. However, one of the smallest players in Division I-A football proved to be a mighty big asset. Eugene Jarvis, a 5'5" tailback, led the team with 798 yards rushing. Greg Keys, a KSU track star, also will figure into the mix.

Three of the top five receivers graduated, but the Golden Flashes should be in decent shape due to the coaching staff's recent focus on the position in recruiting. Shawn Bayes, Phil Garner and Cameron Bobb combined to catch only 14 passes last year, and this trio will need to step up. Coach Doug Martin is excited about the development and big-play ability of Aaron Robinson. Tight end Tom Sitko is one of the most reliable players at his position in the league.

78

After ranking last in the country in rushing (117th) in 2005, Kent State jumped up 78 places to No. 39 in 2006.

An offensive line that made tremendous progress last fall returns nine of 10 players from the season-ending two-deep. The improved play of the line helped Kent State increase its rushing average from 46.0 yards per game in 2005 to 158.4 last fall. Josh Perry, Augustus Parrish and Shawn Donaldson are proven veterans, but the best lineman may be Joe Marafine, a "legitimate NFL prospect," according to Martin.

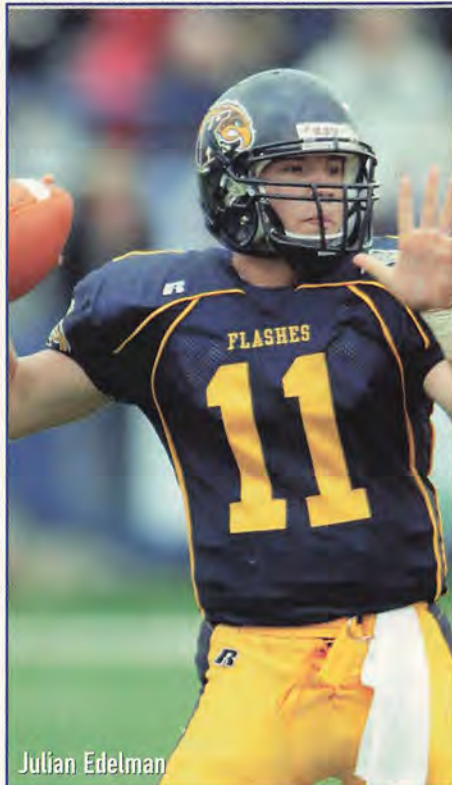
Defense The biggest loss on defense is pass-rushing specialist Daniel Muir, a first-team All-MAC selection in 2006. But the coaching staff is confident that Sam Frist, Colin Ferrell and Prishod Koonce can provide a solid veteran presence in the Flashes' 3-4 alignment. After allowing more than 200 rushing yards per game in 2005, KSU gave up only 139.0 last fall.

Kevin Hogan leads a young but athletic group of linebackers. Hogan, a true freshman last year, led the team with 7.5 sacks. "We couldn't keep Kevin Hogan off the field last year. We tried to redshirt him, but he was just too good," says Martin. Jameson Konz is the other starting outside linebacker. The inside backer position has more size this year, with Stevon Moss, Derek Burrell and Anthony Mirando all expected to contribute.

Kent State ranked 10th in the country last year in pass defense and gave up only eight touchdowns through the air while picking off 16 passes. Safety Fritz Jacques and hard-hitting cornerback Jack Williams are the two starters who return from that productive unit.

Specialists The Flashes were haunted last year by a dreadful kicking game. Punter Jake Kilroy started the season well but lost his confidence and faded down the stretch. Nate Reed and Reid Macko combined to hit only 2-of-10 field goal attempts last season, including 1-of-5 inside 30 yards.

Final Analysis The Golden Flashes made significant strides last season, improving from 1-10 in 2005 to 6-6 in '06. In addition, there was a major spike in attendance and a renewed enthusiasm for the football program on campus. But for the Flashes to take the next step and win a division title, they must find some dependable receivers and improve a dreadful kicking game. If these areas show major progress, KSU may be headed to its first bowl game since 1972, back in the glory days of Jack Lambert.



Julian Edelman

Offense (8)

WR	9 Phil Garner (So.)	81 Cameron Bobb (Sr.)
WR	85 Aaron Robinson (So.)	16 Mark Woodson (Jr.)
WR	4 Shawn Bayes (Jr.)	10 Coleman Lynn (So.)
LT	56 Augustus Parrish (Jr.)	66 Travis McGraw (Sr.)
LG	61 Shawn Donaldson (Sr.)	72 Dante Campbell (So.)
C	70 Josh Perry (Jr.)	50 Bill Starry (Sr.)
RG	78 Pat Reedy (Fr.)	53 Damian Matuschek (Sr.)
RT	65 Joe Marafine (Sr.)	62 Kiff Kinkead (Sr.)
TE	8 Tom Sitko (Sr.)	17 Jake Parsons (Sr.)
QB	1 Julian Edelman (Jr.)	15 Darren Rogers (So.)
RB	6 Eugene Jarvis (So.)	34 Greg Keys (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE	95 Prishod Koonce (Jr.)	52 David Filippi (Jr.)
NT	74 Sam Frist (So.)	91 Larry Brown (Sr.)
DT	55 Colin Ferrell (Sr.)	67 Aaron Hull (So.)
SLB	26 Jameson Konz (Jr.)	57 Tim Flores (Fr.)
MLB	19 Derek Burrell (Jr.)	54 Cedrick Maxwell (Jr.)
WLB	44 Stevon Moss (Jr.)	51 Anthony Mirando (So.)
BLB	94 Kevin Hogan (So.)	28 Lester Troutman (So.)
CB	37 Kirk Belgrave (So.)	21 Danny Sadler (Jr.)
CB	2 Jack Williams (Sr.)	20 Curtis Eaton (Fr.)
SS	11 Fritz Jacques (Sr.)	38 Dan Hartman (Fr.)
FS	31 Brian Lainhart (Fr.)	45 Ja'Darrin Bell (Fr.)

Special Teams

P	47 Jake Kilroy (So.)	PR	85 Aaron Robinson (So.)
K	98 Nate Reed (So.)	KR	20 Curtis Eaton (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Julian Edelman, 242-134-1,859-11, 10 TDs
Rushing: Eugene Jarvis, 185 car., 798 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Eugene Jarvis, 16 rec., 126 yds., 0 TD
Tackles: Fritz Jacques, 72, 42 solo
Sacks: Kevin Hogan, 7.5
Interceptions: Jack Williams, 4 for 44 yds

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30	at Iowa State	L
S. 8	at Kentucky	L
S. 15	Delaware State	W
S. 22	at Akron	W
S. 29	at Ohio	*
O. 6	Miami (Ohio)	W
O. 13	at Ohio State	L
O. 20	Bowling Green	W
O. 27	Central Michigan	L
N. 10	at Northern Illinois	W
N. 17	at Temple	W
N. 24	Buffalo	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	Minnesota	L	0-44
S. 9	at Army (ot)	L	14-17
S. 16	at Miami (Ohio)	W	16-14
S. 23	at Bowling Green	W	38-3
S. 30	Akron	W	37-15
O. 7	at Temple	W	28-17
O. 14	Toledo	W	40-14
O. 28	Ohio	L	7-17
N. 4	at Buffalo	L	14-41
N. 11	at Virginia Tech	L	0-23
N. 17	Eastern Michigan	W	14-6
N. 24	at Ball State	L	6-30

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.8 ppg	100
Rushing	158.4 ypg	39
Passing	163.2 ypg	97
Total	321.6 ypg	75
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.1 ppg	41
Rushing	139.0 ypg	64
Passing	158.9 ypg	10
Total	297.9 ypg	24
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+3	+0.25	42

Head Coach: Doug Martin

2006 Record (MAC): 6-6 (5-3)



FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WAC PREDICTION

5

Offense If you're looking for proven commodities, Fresno State is a bit thin in that department.

Quarterback Tom Brandstater was pretty much a bust in his first season as a starter. Head coach Pat Hill responded by bringing in Jim McElwain, the Bulldogs' third offensive coordinator in three years, to rejuvenate an unproductive passing game. The 6'5", 220-pound Brandstater has all the physical tools but has not shown consistency.

Chastin West, the only healthy receiver last season, is likely to be Brandstater's primary target. He's one to watch, a complete package of size, speed and sticky hands. Fellow sophomores Marlon Moore and Seyi Ajirotutu are promising but untested. Don't be surprised if tight end Bear Pascoe earns an expanded role. He's both big and sure-handed.

At tailback, Fresno State has formed a committee to replace 1,400-yard rusher Dwayne Wright. Lonyae Miller and Anthony Harding were both impressive as true freshmen, and a healthy Clifton Smith created a buzz in the spring with his speed. No matter who's running the ball, a deep and athletic offensive line, led by center Ryan Wendell and guard Cole Popovich, will create plenty of holes.

are more than a few candidates, but none stood out in the spring. And that includes transfers Jason Roberts and Chris Lewis, who returned home after signing with Washington State and Miami, respectively.

Marcus Riley, a two-year starter at outside linebacker, returned 100 percent healthy from a knee injury suffered in late 2005. Ahijah Lane shifted to middle linebacker after starting all 12 games last season on the strong side.

The secondary is in a similar state of flux. Damon Jenkins had a decent junior year, leading the team with three interceptions. He's penciled to start at one corner. The other spot is up for grabs, with junior college transfer Sharrod Davis among those who'll receive an audition. Free safety Marvin Haynes was one of last year's few pleasant surprises.

Specialists More than anything, the Bulldogs need kicker Clint Stitser just to stay healthy. If so, he has 50-yard range on field goals. Punter Robert Malone has yet to play a down of college football. The return game is in good hands with West and Smith. West returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown last season against Boise State. Smith has brought back three punts for scores.

Final Analysis Coming off last year's 4-8 collapse and a skid that includes 12 losses in 16 games, Fresno State badly needs a bounce-back season. But with so many holes at so many positions, to believe that it could happen might be wishful thinking.

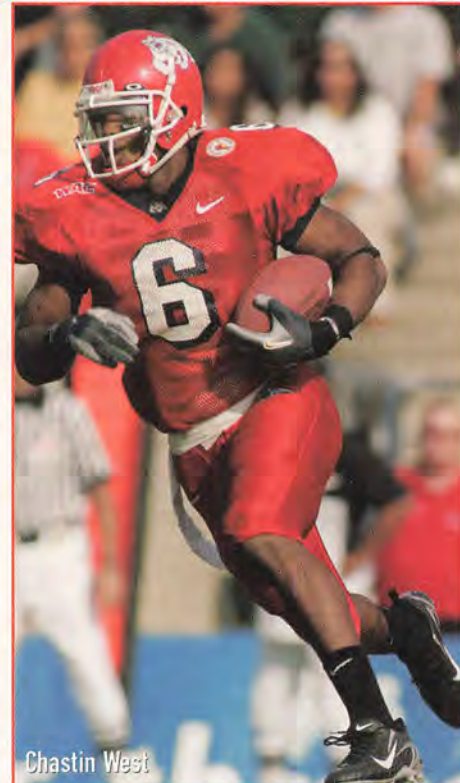
Compared to some years, the schedule is fairly forgiving once consecutive trips to Texas A&M and Oregon are in the rearview mirror. October dates against Nevada and San Jose State could very well decide the Bulldogs' postseason fate.

This could be a make or break year for Hill. Despite his status as the WAC's highest-paid coach, the Bulldogs haven't won the conference title since 1999. In the Internet era, that feels like a century ago.

158.2 Fresno State averaged 158.2 passing yards last fall, which ranked 101st in the country. Where have you gone David Carr?

Defense There are question marks all over the place, and that's putting it kindly.

The Bulldogs have an imposing nose tackle in Jason Shirley, a reliable pass rusher in Tyler Clutts and a couple solid linebackers. Who starts opposite Clutts at defensive end? There



Chastin West

Offense (7)

WR	6 Chastin West (So.)	5 Marlon Moore (So.)
WR	19 Seyi Ajirotutu (So.)	13 Jason Crawley (So.)
LT	72 Bobby Lepori (Jr.)	Devan Cunningham (Fr.)
LG	62 Cole Popovich (Jr.)	65 Pierce Masse (Jr.)
C	77 Ryan Wendell (Sr.)	74 Joe Bernardi (Fr.)
RG	76 Adam McDowell (Jr.)	52 Richard Pacheco (So.)
RT	73 Kenny Avon (Jr.)	68 James Meeks (So.)
TE	85 Bear Pascoe (Jr.)	80 Drew Lubinsky (Jr.)
QB	7 Tom Brandstater (Jr.)	15 Ryan Colburn (Fr.)
FB	40 Nate Adams (Sr.)	44 Frank Padilla (Fr.)
TB	1 Lonyae Miller (So.)	22 Anthony Harding (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	11 Tyler Clutts (Sr.)	55 Michael Stuart (Sr.)
DT	42 Charles Tolbert (Sr.)	95 Mark Roberts (Fr.)
NT	97 Jason Shirley (Sr.)	94 Jon Monga (Jr.)
DE	7 Jason Roberts (Jr.)	27 Chris Lewis (Fr.)
SLB	34 Trevor Shamblee (Sr.)	32 Quaadir Brown (So.)
MLB	43 Ahijah Lane (Sr.)	10 Nico Herron (So.)
WLB	31 Marcus Riley (Sr.)	47 Ryan Machado (So.)
CB	22 Damon Jenkins (Sr.)	Sharrod Davis (Jr.)
CB	28 A.J. Jefferson (So.)	4 Damion Owens (So.)
SS	3 Moses Harris (So.)	20 Lorne Bell (Fr.)
FS	19 Marvin Haynes (So.)	23 Jake Jorde (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	39 Clint Stitser (Sr.)	KR	6 Chastin West (So.)
P	42 Robert Malone (Fr.)	PR	2 Clifton Smith (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tom Brandstater, 268-146-1,490-13, 14 TDs
Rushing: Lonyae Miller, 54 car., 287 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Chastin West, 33 rec., 365 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Ahijah Lane, 64, 35 solo
Sacks: Tyler Clutts, 5
Interceptions: Damon Jenkins, 3 for 70 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S.	1	Sacramento State	W
S.	8	at Texas A&M	L
S.	15	at Oregon	L
S.	29	Louisiana Tech	W
O.	6	at Nevada	*
O.	13	at Idaho	W
O.	20	San Jose State	*
O.	26	Boise State	L
N.	3	Utah State	W
N.	10	at Hawaii	L
N.	24	Kansas State	L
D.	1	at New Mexico State	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S.	1	Nevada	W	28-19
S.	9	Oregon	L	24-31
S.	16	at Washington	L	20-21
S.	30	Colorado State	L	23-35
O.	7	at Utah State	L	12-13
O.	14	Hawaii	L	37-68
O.	21	at LSU	L	6-38
N.	1	at Boise State	L	21-45
N.	11	New Mexico State	W	23-18
N.	18	Idaho	W	34-0
N.	24	at Louisiana Tech	W	34-27
D.	2	at San Jose State	L	14-24

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.0 ppg	64
Rushing	180.0 ypg	16
Passing	158.2 ypg	101
Total	338.2 ypg	63
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.3 ppg	97
Rushing	140.8 ypg	67
Passing	222.2 ypg	86
Total	362.9 ypg	86
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	93

Head Coach: Pat Hill

2006 Record (WAC): 4-8 (4-4)



OHIO

BOBCATS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MAC EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Ohio has spent the past several years trying to fast-track its evolution from a run first, second and third option attack into a more-balanced offense that is more in line with the rest of the MAC. That metamorphosis will be challenged this year, since the quarterback position is lacking in experience.

The top candidate to take over is senior Brad Bower, who began his career at Illinois, though junior college transfer Theo Scott, who participated in spring drills, will get a long look. Bower, who has been in the program for two seasons, is more familiar with the offense, while Scott is a better run-pass combination threat.

The surest thing on the roster is the tailback position, where Calvin McRae seems destined for another banner season. The Decatur, Ga., product is a two-time first-team All-MAC selection and only the second Bobcat ever to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons.

The Bobcats are hoping the mix of experience and youth works at receiver, since they have two seniors and a pair of sophomores who saw significant playing time last season. Senior Justin Fitzgerald has played in 30 games and has 37 receptions in this historically run-based offense.

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Kalvin McRae became the first Bobcat in 30 years to post back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.

The line was a strength of the offense last year, allowing only 20 sacks and paving the way for a 1,000-yard rusher. But there are some losses that must be addressed, most notably tackle Matt Coppage, an All-MAC pick. Senior Matt Miller has been solid at right guard the last three seasons and has 30 starts on his résumé.

Defense Ohio expects its front four to be a strong point this season, since three of four starters return, including a pair of All-MAC players — senior tackle Landon Cohen and junior end Jameson Hartke.

Ohio's biggest challenge will be finding replacements for its trio of starting linebackers. The group of reserves moving into primary roles includes juniors Michael Brown, Jordan Meyers and Chris Hall, a former defensive back. Senior Taj Henley is the most experienced of the group, with 33 games to his credit.

There is enough talent among the starters to field a solid secondary, but depth is a real issue at cornerback. Junior Mark Parson was one of the best in the nation last year in defending the pass from his corner position, and sophomore Idris Lawrence should man the other side.

Specialists Transfer Michael Braunstein comes from Washington with a year of eligibility and a rock-solid resume. He gives Ohio a proven kicker who has performed under fire. Redshirt freshman Matt Schulte should take over the punting chores, unless incoming freshman Robert Hightower wins the job.

Final Analysis Ohio's jump from 4-7 in 2005 to 9-5 in '06 was due in large part to its defense, which was one of the most improved in the nation and allowed less than 20 points per game. If that trend continues, the Bobcats will be able to compete for the East crown again. They have the league's best ball-carrier in McRae, the kind of player that any coach would want to build his offense around. The pieces around McRae are adequate, provided either Scott or Bower emerge as a threat to stretch the field in the passing game.

Frank Solich turned Ohio into a winner in only his second season in Athens, guiding the Bobcats to the East Division title. Repeating will be difficult, but Ohio should once again be one of the better teams in the league this fall.



Kalvin McRae

Offense (5)

WR 28 Chris Garrett (So.)	86 Justin Fitzgerald (Sr.)
WR 17 Chido Nwokocha (Sr.)	23 Taylor Price (So.)
TE 16 Andrew Mooney (Jr.)	84 David Carter (Jr.)
LT 74 Josh Leuck (Jr.)	57 Chris Rodgers (So.)
LG 77 Paul Johnson (Sr.)	76 Mike Eynon (Jr.)
C 66 Tommy Stuck (Jr.)	58 David White (So.)
RG 79 Matt Miller (Sr.)	73 Gary Schussler (So.)
RT 52 David Shelby (Sr.)	68 Shawn Fosnaugh (So.)
QB 14 Brad Bower (Sr.)	3 Theo Scott (So.)
FB 39 Mitch Morsillo (So.)	40 Jayson White (Jr.)
RB 5 Kalvin McRae (Sr.)	31 Josh Abrams (Sr.)

Defense (5)

DE 95 Ernie Hodge (So.)	97 Eric Kenkel (Jr.)
DT 55 Landon Cohen (Sr.)	91 Alan Goff (Sr.)
NG 94 Brett Sykes (Sr.)	96 Jacob Williamson (Jr.)
DE 90 Jameson Hartke (Jr.)	98 Conor Reilly (So.)
WLB 48 Jordan Meyers (Jr.)	32 Lee Renfro (So.)
MLB 56 Taj Henley (Sr.)	36 Stafford Gatling (Fr.)
SLB 35 Michael Brown (Jr.)	19 Chris Hall (Jr.)
CB 24 Mark Parson (Jr.)	12 Thad Turner (So.)
CB 4 Idris Lawrence (So.)	9 Julian Posey (Fr.)
SS 34 Michael Mitchell (Jr.)	7 Ervin Jackson (Sr.)
FS 8 Todd Koenig (Sr.)	42 Steven Jackson (So.)

Special Teams

K Michael Braunstein (Sr.)	KR 28 Chris Garrett (So.)
P 43 Matt Schulte (Fr.)	PR 28 Chris Garrett (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brad Bower, 72-41-426-7, 1 TD
 Rushing: Calvin McRae, 258 car., 1,252 yds., 15 TDs
 Receiving: Kalvin McRae, 29 rec., 280 yds., 1 TD
 Tackles: Michael Mitchell, 55, 28 solo
 Sacks: Jameson Hartke, 7.5
 Interceptions: Michael Mitchell, 2 for 30 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Gardner-Webb	W
S. 8 at UL Lafayette	*
S. 15 at Virginia Tech	L
S. 22 Wyoming	L
S. 29 Kent State	*
O. 6 at Buffalo	W
O. 13 Eastern Michigan	W
O. 20 at Toledo	L
O. 27 at Bowling Green	*
N. 2 Temple	W
N. 7 at Akron	W
N. 24 Miami (Ohio)	W

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Tennessee-Martin	W	29-3
S. 9 at Northern Illinois	W	35-23
S. 16 at Rutgers	L	7-24
S. 23 at Missouri	L	6-31
S. 30 Bowling Green	L	9-21
O. 7 Western Michigan	W	27-20
O. 14 at Illinois	W	20-17
O. 21 Buffalo	W	42-7
O. 28 at Kent State	W	17-7
N. 4 at Eastern Michigan	W	16-10
N. 16 Akron	W	17-7
N. 24 at Miami (Ohio)	W	34-24
N. 30 Central Michigan	L	10-31
J. 7 #Southern Miss	L	7-28

#GMAC Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.7 ppg	85
Rushing	147.6 ypg	48
Passing	129.0 ypg	115
Total	276.6 ypg	106
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.1 ppg	23
Rushing	130.6 ypg	54
Passing	172.3 ypg	18
Total	302.9 ypg	29
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.29	78

Head Coach: Frank Solich

2006 Record (MAC): 9-5 (7-1)



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

NATIONAL FORECAST

MWC PREDICTION

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Offense Senior Kevin O'Connell suffered through a lost season a year ago after injuring his throwing thumb in the season-opener. He's the favorite to take San Diego State's first snap this season. O'Connell completed 62 percent of his passes with 19 touchdowns as a sophomore, and the Aztecs badly need him to regain that form. San Diego State quarterbacks threw only eight touchdown passes last season and were intercepted 17 times.

Sophomore running back Atiyah Henderson was one of the team's few bright spots a year ago, but he might be supplanted by senior Brandon Bornes. Henderson topped 90 yards rushing in five consecutive outings before being worn down by the workload. He also was prone to fumble. Bornes is a physical force who was under-utilized during Long's first season. Senior Lynell Hamilton, a former 1,000-yard rusher, has been moved to fullback.

Senior Chaz Schilens has the look of a big-play receiver, but his 34 catches last season totaled only 483 yards. Fellow senior Brett Swain (team-leading 47 receptions) is more of a complementary receiver. Sophomore DeMarco Sampson, who missed last season with a toe injury, could be the missing go-to receiver.

Three experienced seniors return up front in guard Brandyn Dombrowski and tackles Will Robinson and Mike Kravetz.

in his career. Osborn and tackle Ornan Nwansi are returning starters.

Defensive coordinator Bob Elliott was tinkering with a 3-4 look in the spring in an attempt to get more pressure on the quarterback, but the team might not have enough linebackers to make the defense work. Russell Allen, the starting strong-side linebacker, is the best of the bunch. Brett Martin is penciled in as the starter on the weak side. Sophomore Luke Laolagi will be the new starting middle linebacker.

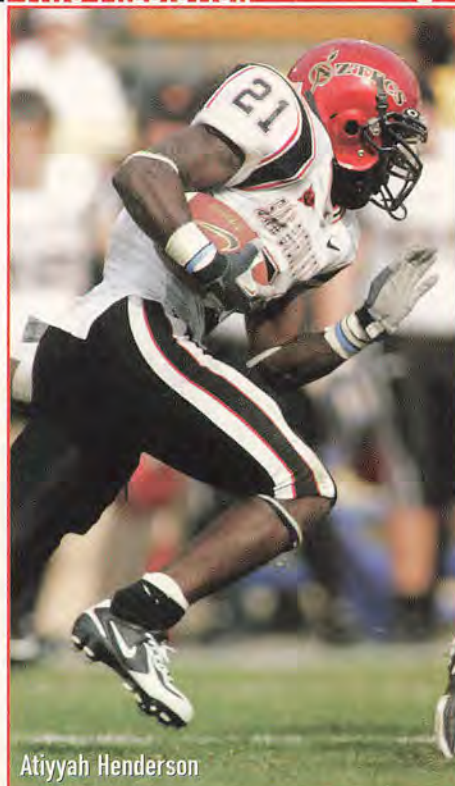
There will be four new starters in the secondary. Ray Bass figures to earn one starting safety spot, with T.J. McKay and junior college transfer Travis Crawford contending for the other. Sophomore cornerback Aaron Moore took some lumps last year when forced to start three games but should be better for the experience. Scotty James has the edge in earning the other starting spot.

Specialists Michael Hughes struggled much of last season after having a tumor removed from his punting foot shortly before the season. Hughes averaged 44.8 yards as a sophomore but his average dropped to 41.1 last season. Senior Garrett Palmer made just 57.1 percent (8-of-14) of his field goal attempts, continuing a career-long trend of inconsistency. The Aztecs need Palmer to regain his sophomore form, when he made 15-of-17 field goals.

Final Analysis San Diego State struggled mightily in Chuck Long's first season as coach, stretching the program's bowl drought to eight seasons. The Aztecs remain the lone Mountain West Conference team not to play in a bowl game over the league's eight-year history.

Long is now taking the low-key approach and asking for patience, pointing out it will take time to rebuild the struggling program.

As for 2007, the Aztecs have too many holes to fill to contend for a title. Realistically, they are a season or two away from competing for an upper-echelon finish in the Mountain West.



Atiyah Henderson

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San Diego State threw only eight passing TDs in Chuck Long's first season as coach, a significant drop from the 20 passing TDs in 2005.

Defense The Aztecs had only 15 sacks last season, and seven of them were by defensive end Antwan Applewhite, who bypassed his senior season for the NFL Draft. Senior end Nick Osborn, who has three career sacks, is the only San Diego State lineman to record a sack

Offense (9)

WR	1 Chaz Schilens (Sr.)	10 Marcus Montgomery (Jr.)
WR	16 Brett Swain (Sr.)	6 Mekell Wesley (So.)
WR	19 DeMarco Sampson (So.)	18 Roberto Wallace (So.)
LT	76 Will Robinson (Sr.)	71 Dan Hathaway (Jr.)
LG	65 Whitley Fehoko (So.)	77 Mike Schmidt (Jr.)
C	50 Trask Iosefa (Fr.)	63 Peter Manuma (Sr.)
RG	62 Brandyn Dombrowski (Sr.)	77 Mike Schmidt (Jr.)
RT	70 Mike Kravetz (Sr.)	68 Jason Alexander (Jr.)
TE	89 Lance Louis (Jr.)	88 Matthew Kawulok (So.)
QB	7 Kevin O'Connell (Sr.)	3 Kevin Craft (So.)
RB	21 Atiyah Henderson (So.)	37 Brandon Bornes (Sr.)

Defense (4)

DE	41 Tony DeMartinis (So.)	56 Jonathan Soto (So.)
DT	54 Frederick Amano (Sr.)	49 Brian Stanbra (Jr.)
DT	91 Ornan Nwansi (Sr.)	96 Peter Nelson (So.)
DE	94 Nick Osborn (Sr.)	92 Siaso Fifita (Jr.)
SLB	46 Russell Allen (Jr.)	24 Freddy Dunkle (Sr.)
MLB	35 Luke Laolagi (So.)	38 Marcus Yarbrough (Fr.)
WLB	36 Brett Martin (Sr.)	34 Jerry Milling (So.)
CB	43 Aaron Moore (So.)	30 Jose Perez (Fr.)
CB	39 Scotty James (Sr.)	14 Ray Patterson (Fr.)
SS	20 Ray Bass (Sr.)	45 Travis Crawford (Jr.)
FS	5 T.J. McKay (Jr.)	42 Nick Sandford (So.)

Special Teams

K	14 Garrett Palmer (Sr.)	KR	20 Ray Bass (Sr.)
P	17 Michael Hughes (Sr.)	PR	19 DeMarco Sampson (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kevin Craft, 121-69-737-6, 4 TDs
Rushing: Atiyah Henderson, 174 car., 764 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Brett Swain, 47 rec., 528 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Russell Allen, 89, 48 solo
Sacks: Nick Osborn, 1
Interceptions: Ray Bass, 2 for 49 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 8	#Washington State	L
S. 15	at Arizona State	L
S. 22	Portland State	W
S. 29	Cincinnati	L
O. 6	at Colorado State	L
O. 13	at Utah	L
O. 20	New Mexico	L
O. 27	BYU	L
N. 3	Wyoming	L
N. 10	at UNLV	*
N. 17	at Air Force	L
N. 24	TCU	L
	#Seattle, WA	

Games in bold represent swing games
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2006 RESULTS

A. 31	UTEP	L	27-34
S. 16	at Wisconsin	L	0-14
S. 23	Utah	L	7-38
S. 30	at San Jose State	L	10-31
O. 7	at BYU	L	17-47
O. 21	Air Force	W	19-12
O. 28	Cal Poly	L	14-16
N. 4	at Wyoming	L	24-27
N. 11	UNLV	W	21-7
N. 18	at TCU	L	0-52
N. 25	at New Mexico	L	14-41
D. 2	Colorado State	W	17-6

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.2 ppg	113
Rushing	119.2 ypg	80
Passing	150.3 ypg	107
Total	269.5 ypg	108
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.1 ppg	94
Rushing	180.1 ypg	106
Passing	171.7 ypg	17
Total	351.8 ypg	73
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-7	-0.58	97

Head Coach: Chuck Long

2006 Record (MWC): 3-9 (3-5)



MEMPHIS TIGERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

92

C-USA EAST PREDICTION

5

Offense Memphis coach Tommy West's staff underwent an extreme makeover during the offseason as six new assistants came on board. Despite the shakeup, the offense should remain familiar. Senior quarterback Martin Hankins is back for his second season after throwing for 2,550 yards and 18 touchdowns. Hankins makes all the throws necessary in the spread offense and should be better this fall. He will be challenged by hard-luck junior Will Hudgens, whose past two seasons have been curtailed by injury. Hudgens broke his leg early in the 2006 season, as he had the previous year, and missed the majority of the year.

All the key members of the backfield return, too, led by Joe Doss, a durable and dependable senior. Doss led the Tigers with 910 rushing yards and scored seven touchdowns, including three in the season-ending win at UTEP. Doss doesn't possess outstanding breakaway speed, but he is a tough runner inside the tackles.

Sophomore Duke Calhoun is poised to become one of the best receivers the program has produced. Calhoun (6'4", 185) is a big-play receiver who runs precise routes, has great hands and can gain yardage after the catch. A player who could emerge as a complement to Calhoun is junior college transfer Steven Black, who originally signed with Louisville out of high school. Black can make difficult catches in traffic and is adept at creating separation on his pass routes.

defensive front, where Greg Terrell returns. He was named to the league's all-freshman team. Also, newcomer Freddie Barnett, a former Arkansas signee, is a run-stuffing tackle who is certain to attract double teams.

There have been too few playmakers at linebacker to satisfy West. Veterans Heath Grant, Quinton McCrary, Greg Jackson and Jake Kasser are back, and they welcome junior college transfer Tommy Phelps, a punishing tackler who began his career at Kansas. Phelps will challenge Grant for the middle linebacker spot.

In West's words, the Tigers are "starting over" in the defensive backfield. He's so intent on getting the secondary turned quickly that he has two coaches working with the defensive backs. Defensive coordinator Rick Kravitz will work with the safeties and Derek Jones, a former Tulsa assistant, will coach the cornerbacks.

Specialists New special teams coordinator Garret Chachere steps in with an experienced kicker in sophomore Matt Reagan and an emerging kick return specialist in Michael Grandberry. Reagan made 12-of-17 field goals after winning the job early last season. Grandberry came on late and finished first in the league with a 24.6-yard kick-return average. Junior college transfer Brent Sutherland will be asked to replace All-C-USA punter Michael Gibson.

Final Analysis It'll be a new look for the Tigers on the sidelines and in the press box. After last year's 2-10 season, the worst in West's six seasons at Memphis, six new coaches joined the staff. West dismissed three and had three others leave for better opportunities but said he's confident the program will be invigorated by the changes.

In Conference USA, it's not impossible to reverse one's fortunes in a season. With a solid nucleus on offense, coupled with an improving defense, a return to the postseason isn't out of the question.



Martin Hankins

Offense (7)

WR 22 Duke Calhoun (So.)	89 Carlos Singleton (So.)
WR 14 Earnest Williams (Jr.)	19 Dave Thomas (So.)
WR 2 Steven Black (Jr.)	87 Carlton Robinzine (Jr.)
LT 65 Abraham Holloway (Sr.)	56 Eric Evans (So.)
LG 70 Michael Denning (Jr.)	64 Dominik Riley (Fr.)
C 57 Philip Beliles (Jr.)	54 Terrence Echols (Jr.)
RG 69 Andy Smith (Sr.)	72 Arron Bentley (Sr.)
RT 71 Brandon Pearce (Jr.)	66 Cody Stubblefield (Jr.)
TE 85 Brett Russell (Jr.)	81 Deven Onarheim (Fr.)
QB 13 Martin Hankins (Sr.)	7 Will Hudgens (Jr.)
TB 5 Joseph Doss (Sr.)	3 T.J. Pitts (So.)

Defense (7)

DE 41 Corey Mills (Jr.)	96 Jada Brown (So.)
DT 53 Clinton McDonald (Jr.)	99 Freddie Barnett (Jr.)
DT 60 Brandon Douglas (Jr.)	62 Ryan Williams (Jr.)
DE 94 Greg Terrell (So.)	90 Josh Weaver (So.)
OLB 47 Jake Kasser (Sr.)	30 Quinton McCrary (Sr.)
MLB 37 Heath Grant (Jr.)	45 Tommy Phelps (Jr.)
OLB 59 Greg Jackson (Jr.)	25 Jeremy Rockette (So.)
CB 27 Michael Grandberry (Jr.)	16 Deante Lamar (So.)
CB 18 LaKeitharun Ford (Sr.)	38 Bernard Key (So.)
SS 6 Dontae Reed (Jr.)	40 Alton Starr (So.)
FS 2 Brandon Patterson (Jr.)	8 Tony Bell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 43 Matt Reagan (So.)	KR 27 Michael Grandberry (Jr.)
P 49 Brent Sutherland (Jr.)	PR 19 Dave Thomas (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Martin Hankins, 377-226-2,550-13, 18 TDs
Rushing: Joseph Doss, 224 car., 910 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Duke Calhoun, 42 rec., 681 yds., 6 TDs
Tackles: Heath Grant, 81, 37 solo
Sacks: Greg Terrell, 5
Interceptions: Brandon Patterson, 3 for 29 yds.

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1.17

Memphis allowed only 1.17 sacks per game last season, which ranked 10th nationally.

Defense The Tiger defense gets a new coordinator, a new defensive line coach and a new cornerbacks coach, hoping to erase some forgettable numbers from 2006. Where the Tigers should begin making strides is on the

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Ole Miss	L
S. 8 at Arkansas State	*
S. 15 Nicholls State	W
S. 22 at UCF	L
O. 2 Marshall	L
O. 13 Middle Tennessee	*
O. 20 at Rice	L
O. 27 at Tulane	W
N. 3 East Carolina	*
N. 10 at Southern Miss	L
N. 17 UAB	W
N. 24 SMU	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 3 at Ole Miss	L	25-28
S. 9 Chattanooga	W	33-14
S. 16 at East Carolina	L	20-35
S. 30 Tennessee	L	7-41
O. 7 at UAB	L	29-35
O. 14 Arkansas State	L	23-26
O. 21 Tulsa	L	14-35
O. 28 at Marshall	L	27-41
N. 5 Southern Miss	L	21-42
N. 11 UCF	L	24-26
N. 18 Houston (ot)	L	20-23
N. 25 at UTEP	W	38-19

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.4 ppg	60
Rushing	111.7 ypg	93
Passing	224.6 ypg	39
Total	336.3 ypg	64
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.4 ppg	103
Rushing	178.0 ypg	104
Passing	230.7 ypg	96
Total	408.7 ypg	111
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Tommy West

2006 Record (C-USA): 2-10 (1-7)



BALL STATE CARDINALS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC WEST PREDICTION

93
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Offense Nate Davis entered Ball State last year as the league's top recruit, and he did not disappoint. After initially sharing time with senior Joey Lynch, Davis played himself into the starting role and threw for 1,975 yards, 18 touchdowns and only eight interceptions. He is poised for an outstanding sophomore season.

MiQuale Lewis enters the season as the starter in the Cardinals' one-back set after averaging 5.8 yards per carry during limited action in 2006. Expect highly recruited true freshman Frank Edmonds to earn significant playing time this fall.

Four of the top six receivers return from a potent passing attack that averaged nearly 260 yards per game in '06. Speedster Dante Love returns at wideout after averaging 61 yards per game and scoring four TDs last season. The diminutive Love will also line up at running back or quarterback. The Cardinals feature the MAC's premier tight end in Darius Hill. Hill had a breakout season last year, with 741 yards and 10 touchdowns. The 6'6", 233-pounder is an NFL prospect.

Two years ago, Ball State was forced to start three true freshmen up front to open the season at Iowa. Those three players — Andre Ramsey, Dan Gerberry and Robert Brewster — now form the solid nucleus of an offensive line that has the potential to be one of the MAC's best this fall.

6-2

Ball State has a 6-2 MAC road record over the past two seasons and has victories at traditional MAC powers Northern Illinois and Toledo.

Defense Last year was the Cards' first with a 3-4 alignment, and they finished last in the league in total defense. But Brady Hoke and his staff expect the defense, most notably the line, to be far more productive in Year 2 of the

3-4. Amara Koroma leads the unit from his spot at nose tackle. Jacob Jordan and Kaylon Woods will rotate at tackle. Drew Duffin is a proven commodity at end.

The linebacking corps, a concern heading into the 2006 season, could be a strength this fall. "We feel much better about this position now. We have a lot more options," Hoke says. Cortlan Booker is technically a linebacker in the 3-4 alignment, but he often lines up as a stand-up rush end. He led the Cards in sacks (5) and tackles for a loss (14). Booker, Wendell Brown, Bryant Haines and Kenny Meeks form a solid starting unit.

Trey Lewis, the team's third-leading tackler last season, and Trey Buice return as cornerbacks. Backup is provided by David Wise, the team's fastest player, and B.J. Hill, who moves over from running back. Chris Allen and hard-hitting Alex Knipp form a solid duo at strong safety, while Eddie Burk and Marcus McClure share the free safety slot.

Specialists Punter Chris Miller continues the legacy of All-MAC kickers from Ball State. Miller led the MAC with an amazing 46.3-yard average and is truly a weapon. Jake Hogue enters the season as the placekicker, but highly regarded freshman Ian McGarvey may win the spot this fall.

Final Analysis If Ball State is going to contend for a division title, the Cardinals will need to take care of business at home. In Hoke's four seasons, the Cards are just 8-13 in Muncie, including a 2-4 home campaign last season.

Another area that needs improvement is defense. Ball State made some strides last year switching to a 3-4 alignment — the Cardinals gave up only 25.8 points per game, down from 37.8 in 2005 — but there is still work to be done.

Still, with the league's premier quarterback in Davis and a host of talented playmakers on offense, Ball State should be a factor in the very difficult MAC West.



Nate-Davis

Offense (7)

WR 86 Dante Love (Jr.)	6 DeAndrie Rogers (So.)
WR 83 Dan Dunford (Sr.)	80 Joe Everett (Fr.)
WR 81 Louis Johnson (Jr.)	Simeon Kelley (Fr.)
LT 79 Andre Ramsey (Jr.)	58 Adam Cole (Jr.)
LG 78 John Purdy (So.)	73 Lance Helton (Fr.)
C 52 Dan Gerberry (Jr.)	70 Jordan Applegate (So.)
RG 67 Travis Arnold (Fr.)	75 Eric Larrimer (Jr.)
RT 71 Robert Brewster (Jr.)	50 Dustin Brown (Sr.)
TE 88 Darius Hill (Jr.)	82 Madaris Grant (So.)
QB 13 Nate Davis (So.)	5 Zach Jones (So.)
RB 33 MiQuale Lewis (So.)	Frank Edmonds (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE 65 Drew Duffin (So.)	90 Brandon Crawford (So.)
NG 93 Amara Koroma (Sr.)	72 Roger Morris (Jr.)
DT 94 Jacob Jordan (Sr.)	64 Kaylon Woods (Fr.)
OLB 44 Cortlan Booker (Sr.)	59 Antonio Beasley (Jr.)
ILB 11 Wendell Brown (Sr.)	48 Spain Cosby (So.)
ILB 49 Bryant Haines (Jr.)	28 Mike Dorulla (Sr.)
OLB 99 Kenny Meeks (So.)	27 Chris Clancy (So.)
CB 12 Trey Lewis (So.)	3 B.J. Hill (Jr.)
CB 8 Trey Buice (Jr.)	David Wise (So.)
SS 21 Chris Allen (Sr.)	41 Alex Knipp (So.)
FS 1 Eddie Burk (Sr.)	23 Marcus McClure (Jr.)

Special Teams

K Ian McGarvey (Fr.)	KR 86 Dante Love (Jr.)
P 35 Chris Miller (Jr.)	PR 3 B.J. Hill (Jr.)

Returning Leaders:

Passing: Nate Davis, 245-150-1,975-8, 18 TDs
Rushing: MiQuale Lewis, 48 car., 280 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Dante Love, 52 rec., 735 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Wendell Brown, 83, 43 solo
Sacks: Cortlan Booker, 5
Interceptions: Alex Knipp, 2 for 39 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 Miami (OH)	*
S. 8 at Eastern Michigan	W
S. 15 at Navy	L
S. 22 at Nebraska	L
S. 29 Buffalo	W
O. 6 Central Michigan	L
O. 13 Western Kentucky	W
O. 20 at Western Michigan	L
O. 27 at Illinois	L
N. 3 at Indiana	L
N. 13 Toledo	*
N. 24 at Northern Illinois	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 E. Michigan	W	38-20
S. 9 Indiana	L	23-24
S. 16 at Purdue	L	28-38
S. 23 North Dakota State	L	24-29
S. 30 Northern Illinois	L	28-40
O. 7 at Buffalo	W	55-25
O. 14 at C. Michigan	L	7-18
O. 21 W. Michigan	L	27-41
O. 28 at Miami (OH)	W	20-17
N. 4 at Michigan	L	26-34
N. 14 at Toledo	W	20-17
N. 24 Kent State	W	30-6

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.2 ppg	39
Rushing	91.9 ypg	106
Passing	259.3 ypg	16
Total	351.3 ypg	51
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.8 ppg	83
Rushing	175.7 ypg	103
Passing	257.8 ypg	115
Total	433.5 ypg	115
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: Brady Hoke

2006 Record (MAC): 5-7 (5-3)



BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC EAST PREDICTION

94
3

Offense With junior Anthony Turner, the Falcons have the athletic, playmaking quarterback they need to make the spread offense effective. Turner is not Omar Jacobs or Josh Harris yet, but he is cut from the same mold as his successful predecessors. Turner passed for 1,596 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for another 480 yards last season, despite missing two games with injuries.

There is plenty of talent next to Turner in the Falcons' shotgun backfield, with sophomore Chris Bullock leading a parade of capable running backs after rushing for 769 yards in his freshman season. Bullock is being pushed hard by Dan Macon, the guy whose job he took last year, and junior college transfer Eric Ransom.

The hard-to-define Freddie Barnes, who the Falcons will line up at receiver, running back, quarterback or in the slot, caught 20 passes and rushed for 405 yards and nine touchdowns. Corey Partridge, a junior who led the Falcons with 55 catches last season, is the top threat at wideout.

Up front, there's one key figure back — center Kory Lichtensteiger, a three-time All-MAC pick — and one who is no longer around — offensive coordinator and line guru Greg Studrawa, a former Falcon player who moved on to the staff at LSU. Studrawa was as much an inspirational force as an instructional one.

27.7 Bowling Green ranked 118th in the nation in net punting, gaining an average of only 27.7 yards per kick.

Defense Bowling Green has made the move over the past couple of seasons to more agile, athletic guys up front. Junior end Diyral Briggs meets those criteria. He'll get help on the outside from Jacob Hardwick and Adrian Baker. In addition, Sean O'Drobinak moves

over to the defensive side after performing well at tight end the past couple of seasons.

The linebacking corps is a pursuit-oriented group that returns a half-dozen players with significant game experience. Juniors Erique Dozier and John Haneline have the versatility to work against the pass and the run. Senior Loren Hargrove and sophomore Cody Basler keep the rotation filled with capable performers. Junior college transfer Jerrson Davis will be expected to play right away.

The Falcons' secondary was likely the youngest unit in the conference last year, with the top eight performers all listed as sophomores or freshmen. With the trials by fire behind them, this group should mature into one of the team's strengths.

Specialists The Falcons rolled the dice and went with true freshmen at punter and kicker last year. It didn't work. They both struggled mightily and they both left school. A pair of junior college transfers — punter Nick Iovinelli and placekicker Sinisa Vrvilo — have been brought in to patch those huge holes. They don't need to be great, just serviceable.

Final Analysis After last season's 4-8 debacle, the heat is on head coach Gregg Brandon to get the Falcons back on track. There needs to be an across-the-board upgrade if Bowling Green is to get back in the hunt for a MAC title. The talent is there on the offensive side, with Turner, Bullock and the versatile Barnes capable of creating headaches for opposing defenses. Longtime assistant Mike Ward takes over the defense and needs to get this group back to the level where it resided when this team was winning bowl games. A significant upgrade in special teams play is mandatory, since that was the team's Achilles' heel in 2006. There's an opportunity for upward mobility in the MAC East — Ohio went from a 3-5 record in '05 to division winner last fall — so it won't be surprising if the Falcons contend in this wide-open division.



Kory Lichtensteiger

Offense (6)

WR	1 Corey Partridge (Jr.)	15 Calvin Wiley (So.)
WR	3 Marques Parks (Jr.)	12 Chris Wright (So.)
WR	7 Freddie Barnes (So.)	83 Tyrone Pronty (So.)
LT	71 Drew Nystrom (Sr.)	76 Aaron Kent (Jr.)
LG	75 Shane Steffy (So.)	98 Brady Minturn (So.)
C	78 Kory Lichtensteiger (Sr.)	65 Patrick Watson (Sr.)
RG	55 Brandon Curtis (Jr.)	74 Jeff Fink (Jr.)
RT	73 Kevin Huelsman (Sr.)	50 Brandon Mack (Sr.)
TE	89 Jimmy Scheidler (So.)	91 Nick Rieke (Fr.)
QB	17 Anthony Turner (Jr.)	13 Tyler Sheehan (So.)
RB	33 Chris Bullock (So.)	5 Dan Macon (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	99 Diyral Briggs (Jr.)	47 Adrian Baker (Jr.)
NG	90 Michael Ream (So.)	63 Orlando Barrow (Fr.)
DT	88 Sean O'Drobinak (Sr.)	87 D.J. Young (So.)
DE	58 Jacob Hardwick (So.)	51 Angelo Magnone (Fr.)
SAM	30 Erique Dozier (Jr.)	Jerrson Davis (So.)
MIKE	44 John Haneline (Jr.)	45 Cody Basler (So.)
WILL	9 Loren Hargrove (Sr.)	36 Lewis Parks (Fr.)
CB	2 Antonio Smith (Jr.)	23 Tarell Lewis (Fr.)
CB	21 Kenny Lewis (Jr.)	22 Vincent Corner (So.)
SS	24 Jahmal Brown (So.)	28 Calvin Marshall (Fr.)
FS	4 Jerrett Sanderson (So.)	25 P.J. Mahone (So.)

Special Teams

K	Sinisa Vrvilo (Jr.)	KR	21 Kenny Lewis (Jr.)
P	Nick Iovinelli (Jr.)	PR	1 Corey Partridge (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Anthony Turner, 252-144-1,596-5, 11 TDs
Rushing: Chris Bullock, 160 car, 769 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Corey Partridge, 55 rec., 658 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Erique Dozier, 98, 53 solo
Sacks: Diyral Briggs, 7
Interceptions: Kenny Lewis, 4 for 13 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Minnesota	L
S. 8	at Michigan State	L
S. 22	Temple	W
S. 29	Western Kentucky	W
O. 6	at Boston College	L
O. 13	at Miami (OH)	*
O. 20	at Kent State	L
O. 27	Ohio	*
N. 2	Akron	*
N. 9	at Eastern Michigan	W
N. 17	at Buffalo	W
N. 23	Toledo	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Wisconsin	L	14-35
S. 9	Buffalo (3ot)	W	48-40
S. 16	at FIU	W	33-28
S. 23	Kent State	L	3-38
S. 30	at Ohio	W	21-9
O. 7	at Ohio State	L	7-35
O. 14	Eastern Michigan	W	24-21
O. 19	at Central Michigan	L	14-31
O. 28	at Temple	L	14-28
N. 4	at Akron	L	28-35
N. 15	Miami (OH)	L	7-9
N. 21	at Toledo	L	21-31

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.5 ppg	89
Rushing	176.7 ypg	18
Passing	169.1 ypg	92
Total	345.8 ypg	56
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	28.3 ppg	98
Rushing	144.3 ypg	70
Passing	174.3 ypg	22
Total	318.5 ypg	37
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: Gregg Brandon

2006 Record (MAC): 4-8 (3-5)



UTEP MINERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

95

C-USA WEST PREDICTION

5

Offense UTEP's offense, and perhaps its season, will hinge on which of five candidates emerges at quarterback to replace 42-game starter Jordan Palmer, who threw for 3,595 yards last season. Though a stronger offensive line and depth at running back means the Miners probably won't be as pass-happy as they had to be in 2006, there is a strong chance that whichever quarterback throws the first pass of 2007 will be throwing the first pass of his college career.

Freshman Trevor Vittatoe and oft-injured sophomore Brandis Dew figure to be the frontrunners of a field that also includes sophomores James Thomas and Kyle Wright and senior Lorne Sam, though a decision probably won't be made until shortly before the Sept. 1 opener.

Whoever it is will have a largely new receiving corps led by Joe West, Sam (if he doesn't win the quarterback job) and possibly Fred Rouse. Widely considered the top high school receiver in the country in 2004, Rouse spent the 2005 season at Florida State before running into legal trouble and heading to UTEP.

394.9 UTEP's opponents averaged 394.9 yards per game last season, ranking 104th in the nation.

The offensive line returns 12 players who saw extensive time last year and should give the offense some muscle. Tight ends Jamar Hunt and Jake Sears also combined for almost all of the production at that position last season. The top three running backs return, including incumbent starter Marcus Thomas, who should be pushed for playing time by Terrell Jackson, a highly regarded transfer from Oregon.

Defense While UTEP only returns five players with starting experience for a unit that gave up 31 points and almost 400 yards per game last season, they are key players who are mixed with some strong newcomers. The strength is in the back seven, which will be led by linebacker Jeremy Jones, cornerback Josh Ferguson and safety Quintin Demps, as well as transfer linebacker Adam Vincent. Linebacker Emeri Spence and safety Braxton Amy also have starting experience.

Outside of quarterback, the team's biggest questions are on the defensive line, which mixes in junior James Olalekan with three junior college transfers (Jason Boyce, Ja'Boy Leomiti and Charles Ofili), four sophomores and three freshmen. Olalekan, who had 13 tackles last season, is the only returning lineman with more than five stops, but the transfers had big springs, as did sophomore Steve Riddick.

Specialists UTEP is starting over, as the kicker, punter, punt returner and deep snapper will all be new. Replacing superstar return man Johnnie Lee Higgins and kicker Reagan Schneider will be the priorities, with transfer Jose Martinez likely to handle kicking duties.

Final Analysis UTEP enters the season young, rebuilding and seeking to fill a bunch of holes with inexperienced players, but coach Mike Price has instilled the program with an optimism that was scarce before his arrival four years ago. The overall talent and athleticism have increased with each recruiting class, so while experience is lacking in some places, potential isn't.

The Miners have a chance to get off to a quick start, as they face three winnable games after opening with New Mexico and Texas Tech, but five of the final six games are against '06 bowl teams.

If UTEP can find a quarterback, it could return to a bowl for the third time in four years — but that is a mighty big 'if.'

Joe West



Offense (7)

WR	4 Joe West (Sr.)	88 Tufick Shadrawy (So.)
WR	18 Jeff Moturi (So.)	16 Brandon Jordan (Fr.)
WR	3 Lorne Sam (Sr.)	1 Fred Rouse (So.)
LT	71 Mike Aguayo (So.)	70 Alex Solot (Fr.)
LG	78 Cameron Raschke (So.)	65 Anthony McNac (So.)
C	62 Robby Felix (Jr.)	79 Tanner Cullumber (Fr.)
RG	73 James Riley (Sr.)	64 Colby Meek (So.)
RT	77 Tyler Ribitzki (Jr.)	75 Oniel Cousins (Sr.)
TE	37 Jake Sears (Sr.)	87 Jamar Hunt (Jr.)
QB	10 Trevor Vittatoe (Fr.)	7 Brandis Dew (So.)
TB	8 Marcus Thomas (Sr.)	30 Donald Buckram (So.)

Defense (3)

DE	92 Dane O'Neill (So.)	32 Landon Goodwell (So.)
DT	91 James Olalekan (Jr.)	97 Charles Ofili (Jr.)
DT	95 Steve Riddick (So.)	56 Ja'Boy Leomiti (Jr.)
DE	13 Robert Soleyjacks (Fr.)	93 Jason Boyce (Jr.)
SLB	34 Emeri Spence (Sr.)	7 Nuuese Punimata (Jr.)
MLB	5 Adam Vincent (Jr.)	17 Brian Wilkins (So.)
WLB	6 Jeremy Jones (Sr.)	8 Torrey Huckaby (Sr.)
CB	3 Tim McCullouch (Sr.)	47 Cornelius Brown (So.)
CB	2 Josh Ferguson (Sr.)	12 Melvin Stephenson (So.)
SS	14 Braxton Amy (So.)	4 D. Cromartie-Smith (So.)
FS	9 Quintin Demps (Sr.)	11 Anthony Morrow (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	15 Jose Martinez (Jr.)	KR	9 Quintin Demps (Sr.)
P	14 Kyle Peterson (Fr.)	PR	2 Josh Ferguson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle Wright, 9-6-91-1, 1 TD

Rushing: Marcus Thomas, 156 car, 513 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Marcus Thomas, 39 rec., 242 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Quintin Demps, 67, 31 solo

Sacks: James Olalekan, 1

Interceptions: Quintin Demps, 7 for 61 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	New Mexico	L
S. 8	at Texas Tech	L
S. 15	at New Mexico State	W
S. 22	Texas Southern	W
S. 29	at SMU	L
O. 6	Tulsa	L
O. 13	East Carolina	*
O. 27	Houston	L
N. 3	at Rice	*
N. 10	at Tulane	*
N. 17	Southern Miss	L
N. 24	at UCF	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31	at San Diego State	W	34-27
S. 9	Texas Tech (ot)	L	35-38
S. 23	at New Mexico	L	13-26
S. 30	New Mexico State	W	44-38
O. 7	SMU	W	24-21
O. 14	Tulane	W	34-20
O. 21	at Houston	L	17-34
O. 27	at Tulsa	L	20-30
N. 4	Rice	L	31-37
N. 10	at UAB	W	36-17
N. 18	at Marshall	L	21-49
N. 25	Memphis	L	19-38

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.3 ppg	38
Rushing	57.6 ypg	116
Passing	312.8 ypg	5
Total	370.4 ypg	39
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.3 ppg	107
Rushing	152.4 ypg	87
Passing	242.5 ypg	106
Total	394.9 ypg	104
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Mike Price

2006 Record (C-USA): 5-7 (3-5)



NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC WEST PREDICTION

96
5

Offense Coach Joe Novak's run-oriented approach is the key reason for NIU's emergence as a mid-major powerhouse. Led by Michael Turner and Garrett Wolfe, the Huskies have produced a 1,000-yard rusher in each of the past eight seasons. Losing Wolfe, who led the nation with 1,928 yards and scored 19 touchdowns last season, will be a tough blow for an offense that uses the run to set up the pass. Montell Clanton gets the first crack at joining the 1,000-yard club, but the junior has rushed for only 204 yards in his two years at NIU.

The Huskies' offense displayed its vulnerability in the Poinsettia Bowl debacle, a 37-7 loss to TCU. New offensive coordinator Roy Wittke, who tutored Dallas Cowboys' Pro Bowl quarterback Tony Romo at Eastern Illinois, is responsible for spicing up the offense. Junior quarterback Dan Nicholson will take control of Wittke's offense. He has only five career starts, but two of them were in the 2005 MAC Championship Game and the bowl game last December.

The line must replace standout left tackle Doug Free, a three-time All-MAC pick. Tackle Chris Acevedo is the lone senior on the line.

Britt Davis struggled at times in his second season at receiver, but the former quarterback still caught 57 passes for 731 yards as a sophomore last year. He's on the cusp of a breakout campaign.

7

Northern Illinois has enjoyed seven straight winning seasons, dating back to 2000. Prior to that, the Huskies had nine straight losing seasons.

Defense NIU has been known for its offense in recent years, but this year the defense should be the program's strong suit.

The line lacks a proven run-stuffer, so this

unit will rely on speed and depth. Junior end Larry English is set for another big season. The All-MAC selection finished with 11.5 sacks last year.

The linebackers represent the strength of the team. Middle linebacker Tim McCarthy isn't flashy, but he racked up triple digits in tackles each of his first two seasons. Phil Brown returns after missing last year because of a knee injury following a promising freshman season.

Depth won't be a problem in the secondary. The Huskies lost three starters from last year's team but feature several emerging stars. Senior strong safety Mark Reiter anchors the young group.

Specialists Chris Nendick has filled the immense shoes of his predecessor, four-time All-MAC kicker Steve Azar. Nendick already owns several school records and is motivated to prove that last year's seven missed field goals were a fluke. Questions remain at punt and kick returner with several candidates vying for the positions. Punter Andy Dittbenner returns for his third year.

Final Analysis The Huskies' string of winning seasons could end at seven.

The offense, the program's forte, lacks the firepower of recent Huskie teams. There is no star player returning, and the Huskies are lacking seasoned veteran leaders. Nicholson has the potential to be an outstanding quarterback, but he may struggle without an established workhorse at tailback.

The defense offers depth and athleticism at several positions. Novak will rely on this unit to set the tone until the offense gains maturity. "It could be a flip-flop," Novak says. "We have many question marks on offense, but the defense should be a strength."

A treacherous non-conference slate that features dates with Iowa, Wisconsin, Navy and I-AA power Southern Illinois will have the Huskies scrambling to get to the .500 mark.



Larry English

Offense (6)

WR 7 Britt Davis (Jr.)	5 Marcus Perez (Jr.)
WR 85 Matt Simon (Jr.)	11 Marcus Lewis (So.)
WR 17 Greg Turner (Jr.)	13 Evans Adonis (Jr.)
LT 70 Chris Acevedo (Sr.)	66 Tony Holmes (So.)
LG 77 Tim Mayerbock (So.)	59 Kevin Skatrud (So.)
C 50 Eddie Adamski (So.)	67 Jon Ellison (Jr.)
RG 65 Jason Onyebuagu (So.)	78 Dan Keller (So.)
RT 60 Jon Brost (Jr.)	64 Jake Wertz (So.)
TE 87 Brandon Davis (Sr.)	88 Brandon Beal (Jr.)
QB 19 Dan Nicholson (Jr.)	15 Ryan Morris (So.)
TB 20 Montell Clanton (Jr.)	21 Justin Anderson (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 56 Brandon Bice (So.)	49 Anthony Antonacci (So.)
DT 69 Alex Krutsch (Jr.)	92 Adam Schroeder (Sr.)
DT 99 Craig Rusch (Jr.)	63 Zack Holycross (Sr.)
DE 51 Larry English (Jr.)	95 Robert Oruche (Sr.)
OLB 42 John Tranchitella (So.)	52 Phil Brown (So.)
MLB 53 Tim McCarthy (Jr.)	43 T.J. Griffin (Jr.)
OLB 26 Cory Hanson (So.)	9 Josh Allen (Jr.)
CB 2 Melvin Rice (Jr.)	11 Anthony Mason (So.)
CB 36 Chase Carter (Jr.)	24 Bradley Pruitt (Jr.)
SS 8 Mark Reiter (Sr.)	32 Jeff Fontana (So.)
FS 27 Spencer Williamson (So.)	37 Alex Kube (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 25 Chris Nendick (Sr.)	KR 5 Marcus Perez (Jr.)
P 18 Andy Dittbenner (Jr.)	PR 85 Matt Simon (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dan Nicholson, 115-60-648-6, 5 TDs
Rushing: Cas Prime, 35 car., 142 yds., 0 TD
Receiving: Britt Davis, 57 rec., 731 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Tim McCarthy, 111, 38 solo
Sacks: Larry English, 11.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 #Iowa	L
S. 8 Southern Illinois	W
S. 15 Eastern Michigan	W
S. 22 at Idaho	W
S. 29 at Central Michigan	L
O. 6 at Temple	W
O. 13 Western Michigan	L
O. 20 at Wisconsin	L
O. 27 at Toledo	L
N. 10 Kent State	L
N. 17 at Navy	L
N. 24 Ball State	*

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Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Ohio State	L 12-35
S. 9 Ohio	L 23-35
S. 16 Buffalo	W 31-13
S. 23 Indiana State	W 48-14
S. 30 at Ball State	W 40-28
O. 8 at Miami (Ohio)	W 28-25
O. 14 at Western Michigan	L 14-16
O. 21 Temple	W 43-21
O. 28 at Iowa	L 14-24
N. 7 Toledo	L 13-17
N. 17 Central Michigan	W 31-10
N. 24 at Eastern Michigan	W 27-0
D. 19 #TCU	L 7-37

#Poinsettia Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.5 ppg	50
Rushing	164.8 ypg	32
Passing	198.5 ypg	59
Total	363.2 ypg	43
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.2 ppg	48
Rushing	121.9 ypg	44
Passing	242.8 ypg	107
Total	364.7 ypg	90
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+2	+0.15	46

Head Coach: Joe Novak

2006 Record (MAC): 7-6 (5-3)



MIAMI REDHAWKS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC EAST PREDICTION

97
4

Offense Miami is looking forward to a resurrection of its running game fueled by a healthy Brandon Murphy (1,070 yards in 2005) running behind a potentially robust offensive line. Both areas were hit hard by injuries last season, but Murphy's ankle problems are behind him, and several linemen gained valuable experience while playing in place of the projected starters.

Last year's problems forced quarterback Mike Kokal to carry the load in the face of constant pressure from opposing defenses, which racked up 49 sacks last season.

An improved ground game couldn't show up at a better time, since the RedHawks lost six receivers from last year's team. Sophomore Dustin Woods is the top returning receiver after leading Miami in average yards per catch (20.2) last season. Kokal could see a dropoff in production and Miami still could have a better year than last year — assuming the running game improves.

81

Brandon Murphy had only 81 carries during an injury-plagued 2006 season. In 2005, he carried the ball 226

times while gaining 1,070 yards. Murphy's injury problems crippled Miami's running game.

Defense The RedHawks were looking forward to having four returning starters on their defensive line — that is, until three of the projected starters decided not to return as fifth-year seniors. That leaves fifth-year senior end Craig Mester. Joe Coniglio did ring up a team-high five sacks in his eight starts last season. He will start at the other end.

Joey Hudson was Miami's top performer in his first season as the starter at middle linebacker. He led the team with 97 tackles and tied for the conference lead and ranked

third nationally among linebackers with five interceptions. Outside linebacker Clayton Mullins was second on the team with 91 tackles as a sophomore.

Strong safety Robbie Wilson and cornerback Jerrid Gaines are returning starters. Free safety Jordan Gafford showed big-play capability as a true freshman with an interception and a blocked punt, and sophomore Wendell Brunson likely will take over as the other cornerback after serving as Miami's top substitute last season.

Specialists The record-setting Ryne Robinson isn't around to terrorize opposing punt teams any more. Thompson, the projected replacement, has no experience. The RedHawks, however, are set in the kicking department — Trevor Cook made 10-of-13 field goals as a true freshman, and Jacob Richardson averaged 41.1 yards per punt. Miami's main concern is how sophomore long-snapper Chase Collins will perform in place of dependable four-year starter Dave McClain.

Final Analysis At the Cradle of Coaches, a 9-14 record through two seasons simply isn't good enough. So it's no surprise that there's pressure on Shane Montgomery to get things turned around in his third season in Oxford. Montgomery is hoping that better health will lead to improved depth and more consistency in the running game — something that will help take pressure off Kokal as the senior quarterback breaks in an almost entirely new set of receivers.

Miami's non-conference schedule is brutal again, with visits to Vanderbilt, Minnesota and Colorado and home games against Syracuse and bowl participant Cincinnati. The RedHawks wrap up the regular season with a rivalry game at Ohio, but the good news is they will avoid all three of the MAC's other bowl teams — Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Northern Illinois — as well as Toledo.



Joey Hudson

Offense (7)

WR	88 Dustin Woods (So.)	2 Eugene Harris III (Fr.)
WR	18 Sean McVay (Jr.)	86 Donovan Potter (Fr.)
WR	11 Armand Robinson (Fr.)	23 Pat Lamonica (Jr.)
LT	76 Charlie Norden (Sr.)	71 Heath Cartwright (So.)
LG	68 Dave DiFranco (Jr.)	75 Bob Guley (Fr.)
C	72 Steve Meister (Sr.)	61 Kyle Lovas (Jr.)
RG	50 Matt McKeown (Jr.)	52 Josh Satterthwait (Jr.)
RT	55 Steve Sutter (Jr.)	78 Zachary Marshall (So.)
TE	80 Tom Crabtree (Jr.)	83 Jake O'Connell (Jr.)
QB	3 Mike Kokal (Sr.)	12 Daniel Raudabaugh (So.)
TB	24 Brandon Murphy (Sr.)	22 Andre Bratton (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	51 Joe Coniglio (Jr.)	21 Jordan Stevens (Fr.)
DT	94 Ben Huddle (Jr.)	93 Martin Channels (So.)
DT	98 Mark Paun (So.)	65 Alex Stewart (Fr.)
DE	58 Craig Mester (Sr.)	99 Travis Craven (So.)
LB	9 Clayton Mullins (Jr.)	47 Dexter Korto (Fr.)
LB	48 Joey Hudson (Jr.)	20 Chris Shula (Jr.)
LB	44 Caleb Bostic (So.)	32 Donnie Hardy (Fr.)
CB	33 Jerrid Gaines (Sr.)	3 Jeff Thompson (So.)
CB	26 Wendell Brunson (So.)	30 Brandon Stephens (Fr.)
SS	6 Robbie Wilson (Jr.)	15 Jason Gibson (So.)
FS	13 Jordan Gafford (So.)	28 Peris Edwards (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	19 Trevor Cook (So.)	KR	88 Dustin Woods (So.)
P	4 Jacob Richardson (Jr.)	PR	3 Jeff Thompson (So.)

Special Teams

Passing: Mike Kokal, 355-208-2,419-8, 14 TDs
Rushing: Andre Bratton, 63 car., 285 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Dustin Woods, 25 rec., 506 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Joey Hudson, 97, 54 solo; Clayton Mullins, 91, 45 solo
Sacks: Joe Coniglio, 5
Interceptions: Joey Hudson, 5 for 48 yds.

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 at Ball State	*
S. 8 at Minnesota	L
S. 15 Cincinnati	L
S. 22 at Colorado	L
S. 29 Syracuse	*
O. 6 at Kent State	L
O. 13 Bowling Green	*
O. 20 at Temple	W
O. 27 at Vanderbilt	L
N. 3 Buffalo	W
N. 14 Akron	*
N. 24 at Ohio	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Northwestern	L	3-21
S. 9 at Purdue	(ot) L	31-38
S. 16 Kent State	L	14-16
S. 23 at Syracuse	L	14-34
S. 30 at Cincinnati	L	10-24
O. 8 Northern Illinois	L	25-28
O. 14 at Buffalo	W	38-31
O. 21 at Akron	L	13-24
O. 28 Ball State	L	17-20
N. 4 at Western Michigan	L	24-27
N. 15 at Bowling Green	W	9-7
N. 24 Ohio	L	24-34

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.5 ppg	96
Rushing	86.7 ypg	109
Passing	231.6 ypg	32
Total	318.3 ypg	80
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	79
Rushing	173.4 ypg	101
Passing	158.3 ypg	9
Total	331.8 ypg	55
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
0	0.00	58

Head Coach: Shane Montgomery

2006 Record (MAC): 2-10 (2-6)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



DUKE

BLUE DEVILS

NATIONAL FORECAST

98

ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

6

Offense Is it a good thing to return every starter from a unit that ranked 105th in total offense and 112th in scoring offense? Duke will find out in 2007 with all 11 starters back from last season's 0-12 team. The Blue Devils actually have two returning starting quarterbacks — sophomore Thaddeus Lewis, a bright spot in Duke's fourth winless season since 1996, and Zack Asack, the starting quarterback in 2005, back in the fold after sitting out last season under academic suspension. The job belongs to Lewis, who threw for 2,134 yards as a true freshman, as does the responsibility of improving the offense.

The Blue Devils have a new coordinator, Peter Vaas, who coached Notre Dame's quarterbacks in 2006, to run what head coach Ted Roof calls a more "wide-open" offense. "We're going to be aggressive in throwing the football down the field," says Roof, who has a 5-34 career record. "That's what we have to do to win games."

Lewis should get more time to throw the ball behind a veteran offensive line — led by senior center Matt Rumsey — which for the first time in four years does not have to be completely rebuilt.

1 Duke's win total has gone down by one game each season of the Ted Roof era — from two in 2004 to one in '05 to zero in '06.

Duke has to improve its running game after averaging less than 3.0 yards per rush and less than 100 yards per game. Junior Re'quan Boyette (388 yards) and senior Justin Boyle, who has scored a team-high 14 touchdowns since 2005, should be better with another year of experience.

Defense Roof will take over the playcalling for a defense that breaks in two new starters in each unit. Two-time All-ACC corner John

Talley (18 career interceptions) will be missed in the secondary, but Duke has its deepest defensive line in years. Tackle Vince Oghobaase and end Ayanga Okpokowuruk, who were both highly rated recruits, should be completely healthy this season after playing at less than 100 percent in 2006.

The line will have help behind it in junior middle linebacker Michael Tauiliili, who has led the team in tackles in his first two seasons. What Tauiliili lacks in size — he's listed at 5'11" — he makes up for in instinct. Duke's combo scheme of 4-3/3-4 is set up for Tauiliili and rush end Patrick Bailey to make plays. With first-time starters at the corners — converted receiver Jabari Marshall and either Leon Wright or Evalio Harrell — Roof will have to mix blitzes and zone coverages to protect his young defense.

Specialists Duke's kicking game cost it wins in 2006. Joe Surgan made only 3-of-10 field goal attempts — with none attempted from longer than 43 yards — and as a team, Duke missed five PATs. Two games — Wake Forest and UNC — were decided by missed fourth-quarter kicks. Surgan's still slated to be the starter, although he could be pushed by true freshman Nick Maggio.

Final Analysis Anything's possible after Wake Forest won the ACC title, but escaping the basement will be a chore for the Blue Devils. Unless they find a way to score more points — they averaged less than 15 per game in 2006 — wins will be few and far between. While ACC neighbors NC State and North Carolina fired their coaches last season, Duke stuck with Roof.

Roof promised in January at the curiously named "Duke Football Summit" that the Blue Devils would be in contention for a bowl appearance in 2008. If they repeat their 0-12 season, Roof won't be around to enjoy the benefits of the building process that he has endured.



Thaddeus Lewis

Offense (11)

WR 15 Eron Riley (Jr.)	5 Raphael Chestnut (Jr.)
WR 81 Jomar Wright (Sr.)	17 Sheldon Bell (Fr.)
LT 74 Cameron Goldberg (Jr.)	77 Jarrod Holt (So.)
LG 60 Zach Maurides (Sr.)	65 Jeffrey Cowart (Fr.)
C 68 Matt Rumsey (Sr.)	73 Marcus Lind (Fr.)
RG 61 Rob Schirmann (Jr.)	72 Garrett Mason (Sr.)
RT 70 Fred Roland (Jr.)	67 Michael Lederman (Fr.)
WR Josh Trezvant (Fr.)	40 Ronnie Drummer (Sr.)
FB 2 Tielor Robinson (Sr.)	22 Brandon King (So.)
HB 21 Re'quan Boyette (Jr.)	20 Justin Boyle (Sr.)
QB 9 Thaddeus Lewis (So.)	13 Zack Asack (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE 91 Ayanga Okpokowuruk (So.)	99 Wesley Oglesby (Fr.)
DT 3 Vince Oghobaase (So.)	42 Kinney Rucker (So.)
DT 97 Clifford Respress (Jr.)	66 Pontus Bondeson (Fr.)
DE 84 Patrick Bailey (Sr.)	54 Greg Akinbiyi (Jr.)
SLB 35 Tim Ball (Jr.)	45 Charles Robinson (Jr.)
MLB 34 Michael Tauiliili (Jr.)	33 Alfred Williams (Jr.)
WLB 53 Vinny Rey (So.)	6 Marcus Jones (Jr.)
CB 7 Leon Wright (So.)	38 Evalio Harrell (Sr.)
CB 1 Jabari Marshall (Jr.)	Tony Jackson (Fr.)
FS 27 Chris Davis (Sr.)	23 Catron Gainey (So.)
SS 28 Adrian Aye-Darko (Jr.)	24 Glenn Williams (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 26 Joe Surgan (Jr.)	KR 1 Jabari Marshall (Jr.)
P 49 Kevin Jones (Fr.)	PR 7 Leon Wright (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Thaddeus Lewis, 340-180-2,134-16, 11 TDs
Rushing: Re'quan Boyette, 87 car., 388 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Jomar Wright, 41 rec., 561 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Michael Tauiliili, 93, 32 solo
Sacks: Patrick Bailey, 3.5
Interceptions: Three players tied with 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Connecticut *
S. 8 at Virginia L
S. 15 at Northwestern L
S. 22 at Navy L
S. 29 at Miami L
O. 6 Wake Forest L
O. 13 Virginia Tech L
O. 27 at Florida State L
N. 3 Clemson L
N. 10 Georgia Tech L
N. 17 at Notre Dame L
N. 24 at North Carolina *

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Richmond L	0-13
S. 9 at Wake Forest L	13-14
S. 16 at Virginia Tech L	0-36
S. 30 Virginia L	0-37
O. 7 at Alabama L	14-30
O. 14 Florida State L	24-51
O. 21 Miami L	15-20
O. 28 Vanderbilt L	28-45
N. 4 Navy L	13-38
N. 11 at Boston College L	7-28
N. 18 at Georgia Tech L	21-49
N. 25 North Carolina L	44-45

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	14.9 ppg	112
Rushing	98.3 ypg	102
Passing	185.2 ypg	76
Total	283.4 ypg	105
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.8 ppg	114
Rushing	168.0 ypg	99
Passing	227.3 ypg	92
Total	395.3 ypg	105
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.67	104

Head Coach: Ted Roof

2006 Record (ACC): 0-12 (0-8)



SYRACUSE ORANGE

NATIONAL FORECAST

99

BIG EAST PREDICTION

8

Offense The good news for Syracuse is this — it can't possibly get worse. The Orange have spent two endless seasons wallowing in statistical ugliness.

The West Coast offense finally has a quarterback who fits the system in sophomore Andrew Robinson, who can make the throws required to make it work. Tailback Curtis "Boonah" Brinkley is an exceptional talent with two tender knees. If he stays healthy, Brinkley can and should rush for 1,000 yards.

The Orange have a stable of receiving talents, including tight end Tom Ferron, sophomore Mike Williams and senior Taj Smith, who returns after breaking his collarbone and missing the last eight games. There are several other key components who have played a lot of football for the Orange including tailback Paul Chiara, fullback Tony Fiammetta, tight end Jawad Nesheiwat and receivers Rice Moss, Lavar Lobdell and Donte Davis. And if Robinson is as good as he was in the spring game, the offense can finally break free from two years of disappointment.

The question remains whether a beleaguered offensive line can pass protect and function well enough to let the skill players make plays.

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Syracuse's offense gained only 147 more yards (3,168) than Brendan Carney produced on his 72 punts (3,021).

Defense Syracuse has depth and some of the Big East's more underrated contributors in its defensive line. Defensive end Jameel McClain led the conference in sacks (9.5) last season and will be a force. So is defensive tackle Tony Jenkins, who had 8.5 tackles for a loss and is a disruptive force inside because of his quickness. Two potential starters missed spring practice because of academics — end Lee

Williams and tackle Cornelius Campbell. Both are expected back and join a unit that's played plenty, including ends Brandon Gilbeaux and Mike Owen and tackles Arthur Jones and Nick Santiago.

Free safety Joe Fields has improved and is on the cusp of becoming a force after making the switch from quarterback. Strong safety Dwayne Davis is a two-year starter who may also play some cornerback. The Orange have concerns at cornerback beyond Nick Chestnut.

They also have some big concerns at linebacker, where SU welcomes three new starters in Jake Flaherty, Vincenzo Giruzzi and Ben Maljovec. While the Orange have improved their speed at linebacker, they have little experience or depth in the group.

Specialists Patrick Shadle endured and succeeded in spite of the pressures placed on him by a points-starved offense every time he kicked. Shadle made 16-of-18 field goals last season and had the best batting average in the Big East. Shadle returns and will add kickoff duties. The Orange came out of spring practice without settling upon a punter. Freshman Rob Long may walk onto campus in August and win the job. If he stumbles, the Orange will look to backup placekicker John Barker.

Final Analysis The Greg Robinson transition moves into year three, and the ugly personnel turnover continues. After the Orange improved from one win to four wins, there is hope that more wins await. The problem is that the Big East is a beast. The Orange are fighting just to reach the middle of the pack.

So much of Syracuse's hopes rest on the ability of the offensive line to function, for Brinkley to stay healthy and for the linebackers and cornerbacks to grow up immediately.

SU opens the Big East against Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers. If it survives physically and emotionally, the true opportunity for the Robinson era to turn the corner awaits in midseason.



Jameel McClain

Offense (6)

WR	1 Mike Williams (So.)	11 Lavar Lobdell (So.)
WR	2 Taj Smith (Sr.)	12 Rice Moss (Sr.)
LT	64 Corey Chavers (Jr.)	67 Ryan Ehrie (Jr.)
LG	59 Carroll Madison (Sr.)	70 Ryan Bartholomew (Fr.)
C	67 Marvin McCall (Sr.)	62 Jim McKenzie (Fr.)
RG	75 Ryan Durand (Jr.)	71 Adam Rosner (Fr.)
RT	69 Larry Norton (Sr.)	77 Tucker Baumbach (Fr.)
TE	89 Tom Ferron (Jr.)	80 Jawad Nesheiwat (Sr.)
QB	9 Andrew Robinson (So.)	13 Cameron Dantley (Jr.)
FB	43 Tony Fiammetta (Jr.)	34 Paul Chiara (Jr.)
TB	22 Curtis Brinkley (Jr.)	34 Paul Chiara (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	55 Lee Williams (Sr.)	91 Brandon Gilbeaux (So.)
DT	51 Tony Jenkins (Sr.)	97 Arthur Jones (So.)
DT	95 Nick Santiago (Jr.)	99 Cornelius Campbell (Sr.)
DE	52 Jameel McClain (Sr.)	54 Mike Owen (So.)
OLB	33 Ben Maljovec (Jr.)	46 Parker Cantey (Fr.)
MLB	45 Jake Flaherty (Jr.)	Jermaine Pierce (Fr.)
OLB	30 Vincenzo Giruzzi (Jr.)	36 Oliver Fernandez (Jr.)
CB	27 Nick Chestnut (Jr.)	25 Nico Scott (Fr.)
CB	29 Jason Tanner (Sr.)	14 Quinton Brown (Sr.)
FS	5 Joe Fields (Sr.)	17 A.J. Brown (Jr.)
SS	26 Dwayne Davis (Sr.)	15 Bruce Williams (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	42 Patrick Shadle (Jr.)	KR	22 Curtis Brinkley (Jr.)
P	Rob Long (Fr.)	PR	15 Bruce Williams (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Andrew Robinson, 8-3-20-1, 1 TD

Rushing: Delone Carter, 156 car, 713 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Tom Ferron, 30 rec., 351 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Joe Fields, 76, 40 solo; Dwayne Davis, 70, 44 solo

Sacks: Jameel McClain, 9.5

Interceptions: Joe Fields, 4 for 6 yds.

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2007 SCHEDULE

A. 31 Washington	*
S. 8 at Iowa	L
S. 15 Illinois	L
S. 22 at Louisville	L
S. 29 at Miami (Ohio)	*
O. 6 West Virginia	L
O. 13 Rutgers	L
O. 20 Buffalo	W
N. 3 at Pittsburgh	L
N. 10 South Florida	L
N. 17 at Connecticut	*
N. 24 Cincinnati	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Wake Forest	L	10-20
S. 9 Iowa	(2ot) L	13-20
S. 16 at Illinois	W	31-21
S. 23 Miami (Ohio)	W	34-14
S. 30 Wyoming	(2ot) W	40-34
O. 7 Pittsburgh	L	11-21
O. 14 at West Virginia	L	17-41
O. 21 Louisville	L	13-28
O. 28 at Cincinnati	L	3-17
N. 11 at South Florida	L	10-27
N. 18 Connecticut	W	20-14
N. 25 at Rutgers	L	7-38

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	17.4 ppg	102
Rushing	106.9 ypg	97
Passing	157.1 ypg	103
Total	264.0 ypg	110
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.6 ppg	72
Rushing	185.1 ypg	110
Passing	214.3 ypg	76
Total	399.3 ypg	107
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+11	+0.92	7

Head Coach: Greg Robinson

2006 Record (Big East): 4-8 (1-6)



STANFORD CARDINAL

NATIONAL FORECAST

100

PAC-10 PREDICTION

10

Offense Senior quarterback T.C. Ostrander has played in 22 games over his career, usually after starter Trent Edwards had been beaten to a pulp. Last season, Ostrander only completed 72-of-158 passes for 918 yards and three touchdowns, but he would have had more time to throw on Highway 101 than he did behind Stanford's matador offensive line.

"I see a guy who is athletic, who can throw the ball, who gets tremendous respect from his teammates and who has the mental ability to run the system," says new coach Jim Harbaugh, who was 29-6 at the University of San Diego before accepting his new job in December.

Ostrander will have some targets at his disposal. Stanford's trio of wide receivers — Evan Moore, Mark Bradford and Richard Sherman — could become one of the Pac-10's best groups. However, both Moore and Bradford have been prone to foot injuries, so health could be a concern. Sophomore starter Jim Dray returns at tight end.

50

Stanford quarterbacks were sacked 50 times last year — the most in the nation.

Harbaugh will have to figure out whether tailbacks Anthony Kimble and Toby Gerhart can handle the load. Kimble started 11 games in 2006 but had only 470 yards rushing and two touchdowns on the ground. Harbaugh wants to see him become a tougher runner inside the tackles. Gerhart was a true freshman forced into action last season, and he responded with 375 yards rushing, but he missed spring drills after suffering a broken arm while playing baseball.

Junior Allen Smith anchors the offensive line at left tackle, but a major rebuilding job needs to be done after a year in which Stanford averaged 65.1 yards rushing and allowed an unbelievable 50 sacks on the year.

Defense While Stanford gave up 50 sacks last season, it had only 14 itself. Harbaugh is hoping that senior defensive end Udem Udofia comes into his own and rectifies that situation. "Udofia can be our big-time rush guy, like a Dwight Freeney," Harbaugh says.

Pannel Egboh will return at one starting defensive end slot, and he tied for the team lead with 5.5 tackles for a loss last season. Inside, the competition is wide open.

Sophomore inside linebacker Brian Bulcke had 14 tackles against Navy last season but was hampered by injuries the rest of the way. Sophomore Clinton Snyder had a huge freshman season at outside linebacker. The hope is that Bulcke and Snyder can help replace graduated All-Pac-10 linebacker Michael Okwo as a playmaker and leader.

Next to the offensive line, Harbaugh is most concerned about his safety positions. Carlos McFall is a leading candidate to start at free safety based on his limited experience. Harbaugh moved former wide receiver Austin Yancy, one of the team's most talented athletes, to free safety to challenge McFall. Sophomore Bo McNally played in all 12 games as a backup last year and he is the leading candidate to start at strong safety. Cornerback is in much better hands with multi-talented Wopamo Osaisai, along with seniors Tim Sims and Nick Sanchez.

Specialists Punter Jay Ottovogio, placekicker Aaron Zagory and long snapper Brent Newhouse return, although incoming freshman David Green is expected to challenge Zagory for the kicking job.

Final Analysis Harbaugh has brought his brand of unbridled enthusiasm to The Farm. Unfortunately for Harbaugh, he has to deal with many of the players who went 1-11 under the stoic Walt Harris. The deck is stacked against the Cardinal.

Stanford faces UCLA, Oregon, Arizona State and USC within its first five games. It's going to be along long season for Cardinal fans.

T.C. Ostrander



Offense (5)

WR	4 Mark Bradford (Sr.)	36 Chris Hobbs (So.)
WR	8 Evan Moore (Sr.)	9 Richard Sherman (So.)
LT	67 Allen Smith (Jr.)	73 John Kyed (Fr.)
LG	60 Alex Fletcher (Jr.)	71 Andrew Phillips (Fr.)
C	62 Tim Mattran (Sr.)	70 Bert McBride (Fr.)
RG	72 Mikal Brewer (Sr.)	69 Preston Clover (Sr.)
RT	63 Chris Marinelli (So.)	76 Ben Muth (Jr.)
TE	83 Jim Dray (So.)	84 Austin Gunder (Jr.)
QB	13 T.C. Ostrander (Sr.)	14 Tavita Pritchard (Jr.)
FB	32 Emeka Nnoli (Sr.)	47 Josh Catron (So.)
RB	26 Anthony Kimble (Jr.)	7 Toby Gerhart (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	90 Udem Udofia (Sr.)	97 Emmanuel Awofadeju (Sr.)
DT	54 Ekom Udofia (So.)	96 Derek Hall (Fr.)
DT	95 Chris Horn (Sr.)	93 Matt Kopa (So.)
DE	91 Pannel Egboh (Jr.)	99 Levirt Griffin (So.)
OLB	42 Will Powers (So.)	51 Fred Campbell (So.)
MLB	58 Brian Bulcke (So.)	44 Pat Maynor (Jr.)
OLB	20 Clinton Snyder (So.)	28 Peter Griffin (Sr.)
CB	14 Tim Sims (Sr.)	40 Kris Evans (So.)
CB	31 Wopamo Osaisai (Jr.)	2 Nick Sanchez (Sr.)
SS	22 Bo McNally (So.)	35 Blaise Johnson (So.)
FS	17 Carlos McFall (Jr.)	21 Thaddeus Chase (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	11 Aaron Zagory (Jr.)	KR	33 Jason Evans (Sr.)
P	27 Jay Ottovogio (Sr.)	PR	36 Chris Hobbs (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: T.C. Ostrander, 158-72-918-5, 3 TDs
Rushing: Anthony Kimble, 114 car., 470 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Richard Sherman, 34 rec., 581 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Clinton Snyder, 83, 54 solo
Sacks: Clinton Snyder, 2
Interceptions: Bo McNally, 2 for 49 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S.	1	UCLA	L
S.	15	San Jose State	L
S.	22	Oregon	L
S.	29	Arizona State	L
O.	6	at USC	L
O.	13	TCU	L
O.	20	at Arizona	L
O.	27	at Oregon State	L
N.	3	Washington	*
N.	10	at Washington State	L
N.	24	Notre Dame	L
D.	1	California	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S.	2	at Oregon	L	10-48
S.	9	at San Jose State	L	34-35
S.	16	Navy	L	9-37
S.	23	Washington State	L	10-36
S.	30	at UCLA	L	0-31
O.	7	at Notre Dame	L	10-31
O.	14	Arizona	L	7-20
O.	21	at Arizona State	L	3-38
N.	4	USC	L	0-42
N.	11	at Washington	W	20-3
N.	18	Oregon State	L	7-30
D.	2	at California	L	17-26

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	10.6 ppg	118
Rushing	65.1 ypg	115
Passing	166.8 ypg	95
Total	231.9 ypg	118
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.4 ppg	108
Rushing	210.5 ypg	117
Passing	177.0 ypg	23
Total	387.5 ypg	97
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	112

Head Coach: Jim Harbaugh

2006 Record (Pac-10): 1-11 (1-8)



AKRON ZIPS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC EAST PREDICTION

101
5

Offense The most glaring question mark is at quarterback, where the savvy Luke Getsy rewrote the record book during the last two seasons. The relief must come from a duo of third-year sophomores — Carlton Jackson and Chris Jacquemain — who need to embrace the demands of the spread offense and fast-track their way along the learning curve. Jackson saw very limited duty last fall, completing his only pass attempt for a grand total of two yards. Jacquemain has yet to throw a pass in a game.

In Dennis Kennedy the Zips have a workhorse-quality ball-carrier, and they'll be counting primarily on him to get the ground game going at a faster rate. The need for a spike in production is evident; this was the MAC's lowest-producing group at 83.8 yards per game. Sophomore wideout David Harvey would give the Zips a game-breaker who led the nation's first-year players with 914 receiving yards last season when he averaged 21.3 yards per catch on his 43 receptions. There's a problem, however: Harvey was excused from spring drills in order to attend to personal matters. It is not known when — or if — he will return.

With four new starters, the offensive line has less experience but more athleticism than last year. Therefore, the Zips are crossing their fingers that development is swift. Junior tackle Chris Kemme is the veteran of the group.

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The Zips recorded only 17 sacks in 12 games last season — 29 fewer than MAC sack leader Western Michigan.

Defense Two of the three starters on the defensive line are new, and after last season's struggles to mount a functional pass rush, there are more than a few concerns. Senior tackle Jared Cecchetti is the only proven commodity. He can also play end. Junior Eric

Lively moves into a starting role at end after backing up at nose tackle last season. Sophomore Wallace Pendleton emerged from spring No. 1 at nose.

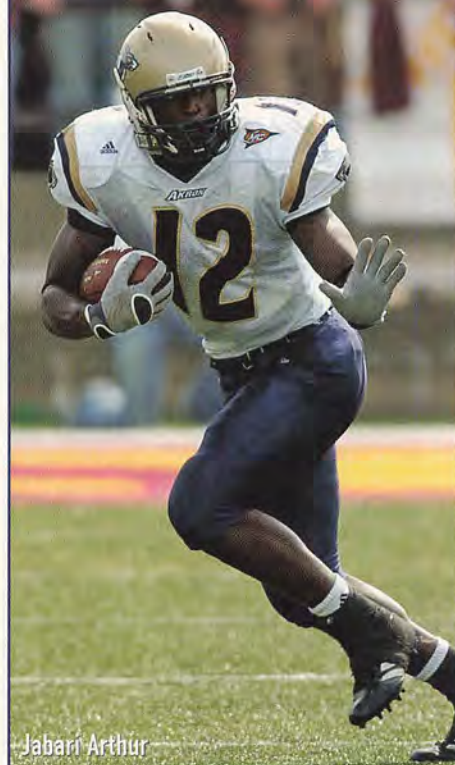
The strength on the defensive side is here, led by senior Brion Stokes, who recorded 5.5 sacks last year. Junior Doug Williams is also experienced and has the ability to be a playmaker. Junior Kevin Grant, also a returning starter, will be the middle linebacker.

Former NFL defensive back Emmanuel McDaniel signed on to coach Akron's defensive backs, which feature Andre Jones and Brandon Anderson at safety and Reggie Corner and Davanzo Tate at corner. With depth in the rotation, Akron has the luxury of moving some players around to create different packages and put more speed on the field when needed.

Specialists The kickoff game has been an area of emphasis since the rule change puts the kicker at the 30 and opens up the return options. Harvey averaged 30 yards per return last season, after taking the first return of his career back 78 yards. His return would be a boost to the special teams' units. Punter John Stec averaged 38.6 yards per kick last season, while Matt Domonkos has the inside track on the placekicking job.

Final Analysis With a solid background in the corporate world, Akron coach J.D. Brookhart knows all about sales charts and progress graphs and the necessity to meet goals and expectations. His team fell short of its well-established quotas last season and is redoubling its efforts to get the business back on solid footing. After two straight winning seasons, the 5-7 record of 2006 won't do.

They key will be at quarterback, where either Jackson or Jacquemain must emerge as a viable option. There is solid talent at the other skill positions and enough experience on the defensive side for this team to succeed — if Brookhart finds a signal-caller in whom he has confidence.



Jabari Arthur

Offense (4)

WR 12 Jabari Arthur (Sr.)	14 Johnny Long (Sr.)
WR 18 Jermaine Lindsay (So.)	17 Brandon Williams (Jr.)
LT 74 Chris Kemme (Jr.)	75 Corey Woods (Fr.)
LG 71 Mike Ward (Fr.)	70 Garrett Brewster (Jr.)
C 64 Jim Holley (Sr.)	51 Elliott Bates (So.)
RG 68 Mike Schepp (Sr.)	78 Zack Anderson (So.)
RT 77 Keith Huebner (So.)	69 Casey Estrada (Jr.)
TE 84 Kris Kasperek (Sr.)	83 Merce Poindexter (Jr.)
QB 7 Carlton Jackson (So.)	11 Chris Jacquemain (So.)
FB 33 Joe McDaniel (Jr.)	32 Joe Tuzze (So.)
RB 3 Dennis Kennedy (Jr.)	29 Andre Walker (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE 93 Eric Lively (Jr.)	22 Mitchell Magloire (Jr.)
NG 91 Wallace Pendleton (So.)	95 Nate Robinson (Sr.)
DT 55 Jared Cecchetti (Sr.)	94 Shawn Lemon (Fr.)
SLB 43 Brion Stokes (Sr.)	7 Parris McNeal (Sr.)
MLB 30 Kevin Grant (Jr.)	47 Al-Teric Balaam (So.)
BAN 54 Doug Williams (Jr.)	46 Amin Kabir (So.)
ROV 19 John Mackey (Sr.)	27 Wayne Cobham (Fr.)
CB 20 Reggie Corner (Sr.)	11 Miguel Graham (So.)
CB 5 Davanzo Tate (Sr.)	23 Rodney Etienne (So.)
SS 28 Brandon Anderson (Jr.)	10 Chevin Pace (Sr.)
FS 21 Andre Jones (Jr.)	8 Yamari Dixon (Sr.)

Special Teams

K 39 Matt Domonkos (Sr.)	KR 28 Brandon Anderson (Jr.)
P 38 John Stec (So.)	PR 21 Andre Jones (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dennis Kennedy, 2-2-56-0, 0 TD

Rushing: Dennis Kennedy, 226 car., 914 yds., 9 TDs

Receiving: Jabari Arthur, 43 rec., 914 yds., 10 TDs

Tackles: John Mackey, 88, 52 solo, Kevin Grant, 87, 44 solo

Sacks: Brion Stokes, 5.5

Interceptions: Nate Robinson, 1; Doug Williams 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 #Army	*
S. 8 at Ohio State	L
S. 15 at Indiana	L
S. 22 Kent State	L
S. 29 at Connecticut	L
O. 6 at Western Michigan	L
O. 13 Temple	W
O. 27 at Buffalo	W
N. 2 at Bowling Green	*
N. 7 Ohio	L
N. 14 at Miami (Ohio)	*
N. 23 Central Michigan	L
#Cleveland, OH	

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Penn State	L 16-34
S. 9 at NC State	W 20-17
S. 16 at Central Michigan	L 21-24
S. 23 North Texas	W 33-13
S. 30 at Kent State	L 15-37
O. 7 at Cincinnati	L 14-20
O. 21 Miami (Ohio)	W 24-13
O. 28 at Toledo	L 20-35
N. 4 Bowling Green	W 35-28
N. 9 Buffalo	W 31-16
N. 16 at Ohio	L 7-17
N. 24 Western Michigan	L 0-17

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.7 ppg	86
Rushing	83.8 ypg	111
Passing	226.7 ypg	37
Total	310.4 ypg	93
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.6 ppg	59
Rushing	136.3 ypg	60
Passing	186.2 ypg	38
Total	322.4 ypg	44
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+1	+0.08	51

Head Coach: J.D. Brookhart

2006 Record (MAC): 5-7 (3-5)



UNLV REBELS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MWC PREDICTION

9

Offense UNLV's Shotgun Spread Option offense, which finished a disappointing 2006 campaign with an impressive 555-yard output in a 42-39 victory over Air Force, should be much-improved if starting quarterback Rocky Hinds makes a successful return from knee surgery. Hinds had to sit out spring practice after having surgery for a 90-percent tear of the ACL in his right knee. Although he suffered the injury in only the sixth quarter of the season, the USC transfer started 11 of the team's 12 games.

Junior college transfer Frank Summers, who started his career as a fullback at Cal and received recruiting interest from USC and Michigan after a standout career at Laney College in Oakland, was one of the stars in spring practice for the Rebels and is expected to add some needed punch to a running attack that averaged only 3.1 yards per carry.

52

UNLV scored touchdowns on only 52 percent of its trips inside the red zone last season.

Coach Mike Sanford believes his wide receiver group may be the strongest unit on the team. In fact, players responsible for over 90 percent of the team's 242 catches return, including Ryan Wolfe, the Mountain West Conference's Freshman of the Year. Also back is junior Casey Clair, a second-team All-MWC pick after leading the league in receptions (67) and ranking second to Wolfe in receiving yards per game (68.0).

Defense The Rebels, who at times ran a 3-3-5 defense last season, are switching to a more traditional 4-3 scheme this year. One reason for that is a deep group of lineman. Leading the way is junior end Jeremy Geathers, a second-team All-MWC pick who had 5.5

sacks despite being hampered much of the season by a high ankle sprain. Mid-year newcomer Thor Pili, who began his career at Oregon, will likely start on the other side after an impressive spring. And two highly touted junior college transfers, Larry Dennis and Luke Plante, are expected to be impact performers in the fall.

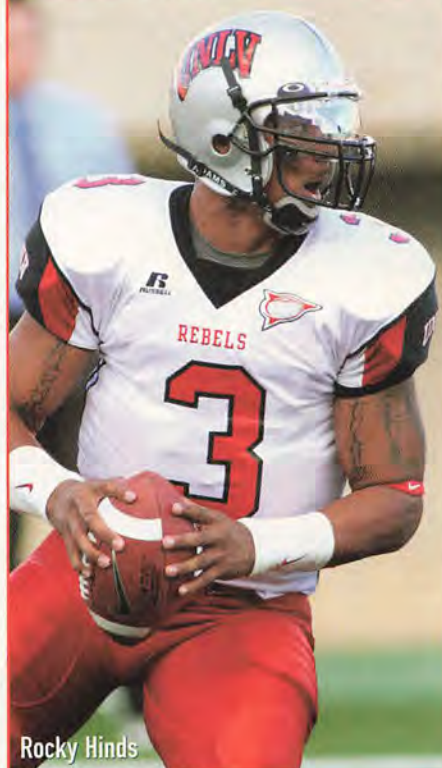
Senior Beau Bell, who has the potential to be a first-day NFL Draft pick if he can stay healthy, leads an athletic group of linebackers. Bell, who has been slowed by nagging injuries throughout much of his career, had 76 tackles and four sacks in a little over six games before suffering a season-ending high ankle sprain.

The secondary must replace two excellent corners in second-round NFL pick Eric Wright and two-year starter John Guice. However, junior college transfer Geoff Howard and true freshman Quinton Pointer both had impressive springs.

Specialists Senior Sergio Aguayo, who had surgery to repair a torn ACL and MCL in his left (kicking) leg, is expected to be 100 percent for his senior year. The Rebels replace first-team All-MWC punter Kip Facer (45.2-yard average, 13 inside the 20) with former junior college All-American Brian Pacheco.

Final Analysis UNLV should be a much-improved team in Sanford's third year, but how that translates into victories will depend on several key factors. The biggest is Hinds' right knee. If Hinds is unable to go, there will be a big dropoff at that position.

The offensive line, which is incorporating three new starters, also must jell — and quickly. An early schedule that features four straight games against 2006 bowl teams — Wisconsin, Hawaii, Utah and Nevada — figures to be very difficult, even though the first three will be played at Sam Boyd Stadium. That makes a season-opening game at WAC bottom-feeder Utah State almost a must-win for Sanford and company.



Rocky Hinds

Offense (6)

WR 1 Aaron Straiten (Sr.)	11 Justin Marvel (Jr.)
WR 80 Casey Clair (Jr.)	83 Gerold Rodriguez (So.)
WR 88 Ryan Wolfe (So.)	17 Renan Saint Preux (Jr.)
WR 89 Lorenzo Bursley (So.)	84 Rodelin Anthony (So.)
LT 79 Richie Plunkett (So.)	67 Mario Jeberaeel (Jr.)
LG 55 Tim Goins (Sr.)	65 Ramsey Feagai (Fr.)
C 59 Joe Hawley (So.)	66 John Gianninoto (Fr.)
RG 74 Mike McKiski (Sr.)	Sifa Moala (Jr.)
RT 78 Johan Asiata (Jr.)	73 Evan Marchal (Fr.)
QB 3 Rocky Hinds (Jr.)	16 Travis Dixon (Fr.)
RB 34 Frank Summers (Jr.)	26 David Peeples (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE 9 Jeremy Geathers (Jr.)	Larry Dennis (Jr.)
DT 98 Elton Shackelford (Sr.)	93 Malo Taumua (Fr.)
DT 92 Jacob Hales (Jr.)	39 Faauo Faga (Sr.)
DE 94 Thor Pili (Jr.)	Luke Plante (Jr.)
WLB 2 Beau Bell (Sr.)	33 Jason Beauchamp (So.)
MLB 44 Bradley Niles (Sr.)	51 Jimmy Miller (So.)
SLB 14 Starr Fuimaono (So.)	30 KC Asiodu (Jr.)
CB 7 Geoff Howard (Jr.)	5 Mil'Von James (Sr.)
CB 18 Quinton Pointer (Fr.)	Will Chandler (Fr.)
S 23 Tony Cade (Sr.)	35 Michael Johnson (So.)
S 25 Daryl Forte (So.)	Shane Horton (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 10 Sergio Aguayo (Sr.)	KR 28 Ronnie Smith (Sr.)
P 49 Brian Pacheco (Sr.)	PR 80 Casey Clair (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Rocky Hinds, 359-194-2,148-13, 8 TDs
Rushing: David Peeples, 133 car., 519 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Casey Clair, 67 rec., 816 yds., 4 TDs
Tackles: Beau Bell, 76, 41 solo
Sacks: Jeremy Geathers, 5.5
Interceptions: Two players tied with 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 at Utah State	W
S. 8 Wisconsin	L
S. 15 Hawaii	L
S. 22 Utah	L
S. 29 at Nevada	*
O. 6 at Air Force	L
O. 13 BYU	L
O. 20 Colorado State	L
O. 27 at Wyoming	L
N. 10 San Diego State	*
N. 17 at TCU	L
N. 24 at New Mexico	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 Idaho State	W	54-10
S. 9 at Iowa State	L	10-16
S. 17 at Hawaii	L	13-42
S. 30 Nevada	L	3-31
O. 7 at Colorado State	L	7-28
O. 14 New Mexico (ot)	L	36-39
O. 21 at BYU	L	7-52
O. 28 at Utah	L	23-45
N. 4 TCU	L	10-25
N. 11 at San Diego State	L	7-21
N. 18 Wyoming	L	26-34
N. 24 Air Force	W	42-39

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

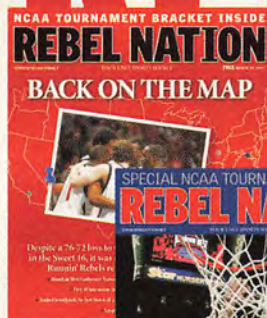
Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.8 ppg	84
Rushing	89.5 ypg	108
Passing	227.3 ypg	36
Total	316.8 ypg	84
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.8 ppg	109
Rushing	161.4 ypg	95
Passing	225.9 ypg	90
Total	387.3 ypg	96
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	112

Head Coach: Mike Sanford

2006 Record (MWC): 2-10 (1-7)

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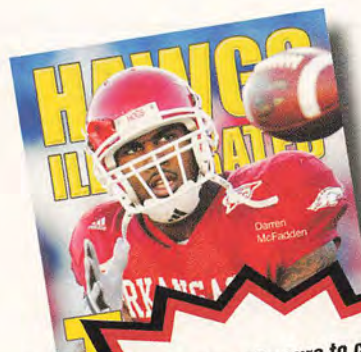
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NEW MEXICO STATE AGGIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WAC PREDICTION

6

Offense Hal Mumme's Air Raid offense proved tough to stop last year and kept the Aggies in every game. Offense shouldn't be a problem this season, either.

Chase Holbrook, a transfer from Division I-AA Southeastern Louisiana, threw for 4,619 yards and 34 touchdowns and ranked second in the nation (to fellow WAC signal-caller Colt Brennan) in total offense with 378.4 yards per game. Holbrook threw for at least 300 yards in 10 of the Aggies' 12 games, and he had a sparkling touchdown-to-interception ratio of 34-to-9.

Running the ball will never be a huge part of Mumme's offense, but the Aggies would like to improve their ground attack, which ranked last in the WAC and 114th in the nation with a paltry 75.8 yards per game. Justine Buries returns to the lineup after missing most of last season with a right knee injury. He sat out all of spring but should be ready to go for fall practice.

112

The Aggies ranked No. 2 in the nation in passing offense last year, 112 spots higher than they ranked in rushing offense (No. 114).

New Mexico State should field one of the top receiving corps in the WAC. The Aggies return their top seven pass-catchers from a season ago, most notably Chris Williams, who caught 92 balls for 1,415 yards as a sophomore. Williams is a speed receiver, while A.J. Harris (71 catches) is more of a possession receiver. Derek Dubois (53 catches) and Nick Cleaver (50 catches) offer solid third and fourth options for the Aggie passing attack.

The Aggies lost starting right guard Maveu Hemuli, who departed for an LDS Church mission, but otherwise the line remains intact. Three-year starter Mike Martinez anchors the line at left tackle.

Defense The Aggies managed only 15 sacks last year — the third-lowest total in the WAC — and had trouble stopping the run, allowing over 150 yards per game on the ground. Getting improved play from the boys up front is a must for defensive coordinator Woody Widenhofer. The Aggies return three senior starters on the line — Brandon McKinney, Ray Manumaleuna and Maurice Murray — and will ask junior college transfer E.J. Cannon to make an immediate contribution.

The linebacking crew will have some new faces who will be charged with replacing some veteran leadership. There are some key performers back, however. Middle linebacker Dante Floyd played at a high level at times last year and could be ready for a big season.

The secondary figures to be the weakest unit on defense. Finding two competent corners will be a key for Widenhofer during preseason camp.

Specialists Placekicking was a huge letdown a year ago. Kickers Matt Pratt and Ryan Bowling were a combined 4-of-10, and Pratt also missed five PAT's. Newcomer Kyle Hughes will certainly get a chance to win the kicking duties in the fall. Punting should be no problem with Jared Kaufman returning after averaging nearly 42 yards per kick. Williams and Dubois are dangerous return men.

Final Analysis Mumme's resurrection job at New Mexico State has taken time, but progress is being made. The Aggies have improved depth on both sides of the ball, but whether the program can take another step forward will likely depend on the defense's ability to get stops and force turnovers.

The Aggies play two Division I-AA teams in non-league play, which will help their confidence — and pad their win total. A .500 or above record is the goal, but the Aggies will have to play well against a home schedule that features dates with Fresno State, Nevada, Utah State and Idaho.



Chase Holbrook

Offense (9)

WR 18 A.J. Harris (Jr.)	83 Barry Huntley (Fr.)
WR 19 Derek Dubois (Sr.)	80 Christopher Buckner (So.)
WR 28 Chris Williams (Jr.)	87 Doug McDaniel (Jr.)
LT 69 Mike Martinez (Sr.)	78 Kyle Smith (So.)
LG 67 Joseph Palmer (So.)	61 JR Salituis (So.)
C 63 Richie Bolin (Jr.)	77 Joel Buschmann (Fr.)
RG 65 Polo Gutierrez (Jr.)	76 Chuck Taylor (Fr.)
RT 55 James Farrelly (Sr.)	68 Ray Zielinski (Jr.)
TE 40 Nick Cleaver (Sr.)	82 Ryan Franzoy (So.)
QB 12 Chase Holbrook (Jr.)	13 Alex Gibson (So.)
RB 34 Justine Buries (Jr.)	30 Jeremiah Williams (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE 44 Brandon McKinney (Sr.)	91 Jared Naylor (Sr.)
NG 50 Ray Manumaleuna (Sr.)	70 Mark Pole (Sr.)
DE 45 Maurice Murray (Sr.)	98 Skylar Sargent (Sr.)
OLB 11 La'Auli Fonoti (Jr.)	37 Ka'ua Adolpho (Fr.)
WLB 24 Kramer Winingham (Sr.)	51 Michael Conner (So.)
MLB 42 Dante Floyd (Sr.)	53 Mike Hernishin (Jr.)
OLB 59 Michael Brewer (Sr.)	57 Jamar Cotton (So.)
CB 29 Cole Marton (Sr.)	20 Marvin Betts (Sr.)
CB 36 Alex Bernard (Sr.)	31 Alphonso Powell (Fr.)
SS 6 Gerald Gurrier (Jr.)	30 Kenny Evora (Fr.)
FS 22 Derrick Richardson (Jr.)	21 Brennan Baiaomonte (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 48 Matt Pratt (Jr.)	KR 28 Chris Williams (Jr.)
P 5 Jared Kaufman (Sr.)	PR 28 Chris Williams (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chase Holbrook, 566-396-4,619-9, 34 TDs
Rushing: Jeremiah Williams, 96 car., 426 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Chris Williams, 92 rec., 1,415 yds., 12 TDs
Tackles: Derrick Richardson, 73, 28 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 2
Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 SE Louisiana	W
S. 8 at New Mexico	L
S. 15 UTEP	L
S. 22 at Auburn	L
S. 29 Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W
O. 7 at Boise State	L
O. 13 at Louisiana Tech	*
O. 20 Idaho	W
O. 27 at Hawaii	L
N. 2 Nevada	L
N. 10 at San Jose State	L
N. 17 Utah State	W
D. 1 Fresno State	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 SE Louisiana	W	30-15
S. 9 New Mexico	L	28-34
S. 16 Texas Southern	W	48-14
S. 30 at UTEP	L	38-44
O. 7 at Idaho	L	20-28
O. 15 Boise State	L	28-40
O. 21 Hawaii	L	30-49
O. 28 at Nevada	L	21-48
N. 4 San Jose State	L	21-31
N. 11 at Fresno State	L	18-23
N. 25 at Utah State	W	42-20
D. 2 Louisiana Tech	W	50-23

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	31.2 ppg	15
Rushing	75.8 ypg	114
Passing	399.3 ypg	2
Total	475.2 ypg	3
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	30.8 ppg	105
Rushing	155.9 ypg	90
Passing	233.5 ypg	98
Total	389.4 ypg	99
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-10	-0.83	110

Head Coach: Hal Mumme

2006 Record (WAC): 4-8 (2-6)



ARKANSAS STATE INDIANS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

104
2

Offense Last season was a learning experience for the Indian offense, which had seven different freshmen and sophomores starting at one point. But that group included running back Reggie Arnold, who did enough to become the Sun Belt's Freshman of the Year, and quarterback Corey Leonard, who was thrown into the position as a freshman.

Leonard split time with Travis Hewitt through five games last year but took most of the snaps the rest of the way. He was solid but not spectacular, hitting 49.1 percent of his throws for 1,321 yards and eight scores with eight interceptions. He also added 331 yards rushing.

ASU has a genuine weapon in Arnold, who made a few freshman All-America squads after rushing for 1,076 yards and four scores while averaging 5.1 yards per carry. The nation's third-leading freshman rusher had five 100-yard games behind a veteran offensive line, but that front wall has only all-league tackle Matt Mandich and guard Matt Reibe back and will likely be undersized.

Injuries struck Arkansas State's receiving corps last season, but other players stepped in, meaning this year's group has depth to spare. Six of the top seven wideouts return, including Kevin Jones and Levi Dejohnette, who combined for 48 catches and had two touchdowns each.

11 Arkansas State went 11 straight quarters without a touchdown (and nine straight without a point) during one stretch of its late-season swoon.

Defense No returning defensive lineman finished among the Indians' top 12 tacklers last year, and both defensive end starters are gone. But all is not lost. Brandon Rollins, Alex Carrington and Brian Flagg, all of whom have started at end at one time, are back healthy

after missing part or all of last season with injuries. Tackle Prince Hickman, the leading tackler among returning linemen, anchors the inside.

Unheralded Koby McKinnon earned second-team All-Sun Belt honors last year and will now anchor ASU's front seven from his strong-side linebacker spot. He led the team in sacks with three and recorded 57 tackles. Elsewhere, there's not a lot of experience.

The Indians ranked ninth nationally in interceptions last year, and three-year lettermen and all-conference safeties Tyrell Johnson and Khayyam Burns are both back to lead the league's best secondary. Seniors Montis Harrison and Darren Toney and junior Dominique Williams are all key parts of the cornerback rotation.

Specialists Josh Arauco overcame a shaky start as a freshman and made 11 of his final 12 field goal attempts. The Indians could use better numbers from punter Brett Shrable (38.1) and punt returner Kevin Jones (4.2), but Brandon Thompkins is solid on kickoff returns.

Final Analysis Arkansas State's closing stretch — losses in four of its final five games — was a huge disappointment for veteran coach Steve Roberts. The reasons for the slide were many. Most notably, injuries finally caught up with a defense that was solid to start the year. The secondary will be strong this fall, but ASU must improve up front in order to be a factor in the league race. Offensively, Arnold is a constant threat, and Leonard should be more consistent as a sophomore. But they'll need some other playmakers to step forward, and a depleted offensive line needs to jell in a hurry.

All those tasks are doable if ASU survives its early-season schedule (at Texas and at Tennessee in the first month) and gets into its run of seven straight Sun Belt games in good physical shape — something that didn't happen last year.



Reggie Arnold

Offense (7)

WR	9 Levi Dejohnette (Sr.)	19 Joe Smith (Sr.)
	6 Kevin Jones (Jr.)	10 Patrick Higgins (Sr.)
LT	63 Matt Mandich (Jr.)	71 Zach Eichenberger (Jr.)
LG	60 Dominic Padrta (So.)	57 Sean Marshall (Jr.)
C	65 Heath Lockley (Sr.)	55 Brandon Ciaramitaro (Jr.)
RG	58 Matt Reibe (Jr.)	59 Anthony Jackson (So.)
RT	76 Kyle Koets (Jr.)	72 Vincent Thrower (Sr.)
TE	85 David Johnson (Jr.)	87 J.T. Jordan (So.)
QB	1 Corey Leonard (So.)	17 Travis Hewitt (Jr.)
FB	34 Danny McNeal (Fr.)	30 Tyler Chambers (So.)
RB	2 Reggie Arnold (So.)	23 Cedric Wilkerson (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	96 Rob Ramage (Sr.)	99 Stanley Wakwe (So.)
NT	91 Curtis Bonds (Sr.)	52 Khari Mays (So.)
DT	79 Prince Hickman (Sr.)	62 Bryan Hall (Fr.)
DE	44 Brian Flagg (Jr.)	50 Levi Thompson (Fr.)
SLB	37 Koby McKinnon (Sr.)	46 Darius Glover (Fr.)
MLB	48 Ben Owens (Jr.)	41 Greg Hardy (So.)
WLB	31 Matt Taylor (So.)	51 Javon McKinnon (Fr.)
CB	20 Montis Harrison (Sr.)	8 Dominique Williams (Jr.)
CB	3 Darren Toney (Sr.)	36 Daylan Walker (So.)
SS	16 Tyrell Johnson (Sr.)	26 M.D. Jennings (Fr.)
FS	21 Khayyam Burns (Sr.)	39 Evan Van Dolah (So.)

Special Teams

K	89 Josh Arauco (So.)	KR	3 Darren Toney (Sr.)
P	13 Brett Shrable (Jr.)	PR	6 Kevin Jones (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Corey Leonard, 222-109-1,321-8, 8 TDs
Rushing: Reggie Arnold, 209 car., 1,076 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Kevin Jones, 25 rec., 355 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Tyrell Johnson, 63, 43 solo; Khayyam Burns, 60, 35 solo
Sacks: Koby McKinnon, 3
Interceptions: Khayyam Burns, 4 for 116 yds.
 (#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Texas	L
S. 8	Memphis	*
S. 15	SMU	L
S. 22	at Tennessee	L
O. 6	at UL Monroe	W
O. 13	UL Lafayette	W
O. 20	at Middle Tennessee	*
O. 27	Troy	*
N. 3	Florida International	W
N. 10	at Florida Atlantic	*
N. 15	North Texas	W
N. 24	at Southern Miss	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	Army	W	14-6
S. 9	Oklahoma State	L	7-35
S. 23	at SMU	L	9-55
S. 30	at FIU	W	31-6
O. 7	UL Monroe	W	10-6
O. 14	at Memphis	W	26-23
O. 21	North Texas	W	29-10
O. 28	at Florida Atlantic	L	0-29
N. 4	at Auburn	L	0-27
N. 11	Middle Tennessee	L	10-38
N. 18	at Troy	W	33-26
N. 25	at UL Lafayette	L	13-28

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	15.2 ppg	109
Rushing	167.7 ypg	29
Passing	144.6 ypg	109
Total	312.3 ypg	89
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.1 ppg	70
Rushing	148.5 ypg	77
Passing	160.9 ypg	12
Total	309.4 ypg	32
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	82

Head Coach: Steve Roberts

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 6-6 (5-3)



MIDDLE TENNESSEE

BLUE RAIDERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

105

SUN BELT PREDICTION

3rd

Offense Junior quarterback Joe Craddock will replace three-year starter Clint Marks. Middle Tennessee's only quarterback with significant game experience, the 5'11" Craddock is a strong-armed scrambler. But he is also still green with only nine limited appearances under center.

Senior running back DeMarco McNair will assume an increased role after rushing for 586 yards and seven TDs as a backup last season. Sophomore Phillip Tanner may be a star in waiting, and sophomore Desmond Gee, the Sun Belt's best all-purpose performer, will line up at tailback or receiver.

The Raiders bring back all of their key receivers, but none had banner years. Bobby Williams is the team's best hope for a No. 1 target while Jonathan Grigsby and Taron Henry must increase their consistency. Tight ends Clint Corder and Stephen Chicola have softer hands than the wideouts.

42.5

MTSU averaged 42.5 penalty yards per game in 2006, ranking 32nd nationally, and marking the team's fewest since 1984.

Young talent could compensate for inexperience on an offensive line that returns two full-time starters. All-Sun Belt left tackle Franklin Dunbar will be the anchor, and lone senior Brandon Nix could play guard or center. Tackles Mark Thompson and David Price and guard Richard Bortner have each been part-time starters. Redshirt freshman guard Jamal Lewis may be the line's next star, and true freshman Jake Padrick's arrival at center could solve depth concerns.

Defense Seniors Erik Walden and Tavares Jones may be the Sun Belt's best ends, and they lead a front four that returns every starter and substitute. Walden already owns the school's

single-season and career sack records, and Jones' skill is comparable. Interior linemen Trevor Jenkins and Wes Hofacker are a bit undersized but fit MTSU's aggressive scheme. Senior end Sean Mosley solidifies the line's rotation.

As many as seven linebackers will vie for three vacant starting spots. Lonnie Clemons may be the unit's next playmaker at weak-side linebacker. Former starter Chance Dunleavy returns from a knee injury. The group's effectiveness may depend on the impact of former junior college teammates Andrew Harrington and Ivon Hickmon.

Safety Damon Nickson and cornerback Bradley Robinson are among the best secondary duos in the conference, but they're flanked by little depth or experience. A newcomer must step forward.

Specialists Returning junior Matt King, Marshall transfer David DeFatta and Alabama State transfer Robert Billings will each vie to replace three-time All-Sun Belt kicker/punter Colby Smith. Nickson and Gee were two of the league's most electrifying returners last season. Nickson ranked fifth nationally in kick return average.

Final Analysis Middle Tennessee must avoid a sophomore slump following head coach Rick Stockstill's banner rookie year, when the Blue Raiders earned a Sun Belt co-championship and a Motor City Bowl bid — the program's first Division I-A bowl berth. But graduating 10 starters and six All-Sun Belt performers may slow MTSU's momentum. The Blue Raiders must also survive an early season schedule that kicks off with four games in 20 days, including back-to-back trips to LSU and Louisville.

"How good we'll be is so hard to say," Stockstill says. "There are just so many question marks we have to answer. We've got a lot of what-ifs, and honestly it's hard to know how things will go."



Damon Nickson

Offense (5)

WR 87 Bobby Williams (Jr.)	89 Rod Taylor (So.)
WR 83 Jonathan Grigsby (Sr.)	88 Michael Cannon (Jr.)
WR 13 Taron Henry (Sr.)	86 Patrick Honeycutt (So.)
LT 54 Franklin Dunbar (Jr.)	63 Chris Ritter (Jr.)
LG 76 Jamal Lewis (Fr.)	75 Chris Hawkins (Fr.)
C 71 Jake Padrick (Fr.)	79 Brandon Nix (Sr.)
RG 79 Brandon Nix (Sr.)	70 Richard Bortner (Jr.)
RT 72 Mark Thompson (So.)	77 David Price (Jr.)
TE 80 Clinton Corder (Sr.)	85 Stephen Chicola (Sr.)
QB 12 Joe Craddock (Jr.)	10 Patrick Jackson (Sr.)
RB 22 DeMarco McNair (Sr.)	21 Phillip Tanner (So.)

Defense (6)

DE 19 Tavares Jones (Sr.)	49 Andre Wicker (Fr.)
DT 97 Trevor Jenkins (Jr.)	95 Jonathan Presley (Jr.)
DT 56 Wes Hofacker (Jr.)	78 Derek Mason (Sr.)
DE 43 Erik Walden (Sr.)	45 Sean Mosley (Sr.)
SLB 53 Ivon Hickmon (Jr.)	55 Andrew Harrington (Jr.)
MLB 11 Chance Dunleavy (Sr.)	44 Danny Carmichael (So.)
WLB 29 Lonnie Clemons (Jr.)	30 Cam Robinson (So.)
CB 24 Bradley Robinson (Sr.)	Ted Riley (Jr.)
CB 7 Alex Suber (Jr.)	Josh Gregory (So.)
SS 37 Anthony Glover (Jr.)	32 Dana Stewart (Sr.)
FS 5 Damon Nickson (Sr.)	Phillip Taylor (So.)

Special Teams

K 35 Matt King (Jr.)	KR 5 Damon Nickson (Sr.)
P Richard Billings (So.)	PR 2 Desmond Gee (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joe Craddock, 24-9-75-1, 0 TDs
Rushing: DeMarco McNair, 139 car, 586 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Bobby Williams, 36 rec., 378 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Damon Nickson, 61, 41 solo
Sacks: Erik Walden, 11.5
Interceptions: Damon Nickson, 5 for 31 yds.

(*# Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Florida Atlantic	*
S. 6 at Louisville	L
S. 15 at LSU	L
S. 20 Western Kentucky	W
S. 29 Florida International	W
O. 6 Virginia	L
O. 13 at Memphis	*
O. 20 Arkansas State	*
O. 27 at North Texas	W
N. 3 at UL-Monroe	W
N. 10 UL-Lafayette	W
N. 20 at Troy	L

Games in **bold** represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Florida International	W	7-6
S. 9 at Maryland	L	10-24
S. 14 Tennessee Tech	W	44-0
S. 23 at Oklahoma	L	0-59
S. 30 at North Texas	W	35-0
O. 6 Louisville	L	17-44
O. 21 at UL-Monroe	W	35-21
O. 28 at UL-Lafayette	W	34-20
N. 4 Florida Atlantic	W	35-14
N. 11 at Arkansas State	W	38-10
N. 18 at South Carolina	L	7-52
N. 25 Troy	L	20-21
D. 26 #Central Michigan	L	14-31

#Motor City Bowl

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.8 ppg	69
Rushing	131.2 ypg	59
Passing	154.4 ypg	106
Total	285.5 ypg	104
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	23.2 ppg	63
Rushing	120.2 ypg	43
Passing	204.3 ypg	63
Total	324.5 ypg	47
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+6	+0.46	30

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 7-6 (6-1)

Head Coach: Rick Stockstill



TULANE

GREEN WAVE

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

6

Offense Bob Toledo will build his first Tulane offense around 6'2", 225-pound senior running back Matt Forte. The Slidell, La., product was a member of the All-Freshman team for C-USA in 2004 and led the team in rushing the past two seasons. He did miss the final three games of last season with a knee injury and was kept out of contact work in spring practice. But Toledo thinks Forte is ready to carry the offense.

Obviously, any good running back needs help from his offensive line. And a solid passing game helps relieve some of the pressure. That could be a problem for Tulane — on both fronts. The offensive line is a question mark, and a three unproven quarterbacks are fighting for the job vacated by dynamic Lester Ricard. Toledo will enter fall prepared to let junior Scott Elliott, sophomore Anthony Scelfo and redshirt freshman Kevin Moore battle it out at quarterback. Elliott is the most experienced of the three. Scelfo, an outfielder on the Tulane baseball team, is probably the most athletic player in the group. And the 6'5", 229-pound Moore has the size and arm strength that coaches love.

back of the defense. Senior safeties Joe Goosby and David Skehan are superb. Goosby played in 33 games for the Green Wave over the past three seasons. Skehan, a former walk-on, had a team-high 80 tackles from his strong safety position last fall.

In between those two groups are some question marks.

Tulane has the potential to be good at linebacker with returnees James Dillard and Evan Lee leading the way. But the Green Wave are thin at that position.

Cornerback is unsettled even though the Green Wave have a deep pool to choose from with junior Charles Harris, a 6'3", 185-pound former wide receiver, and seniors O'Lindsey Brown and Carlis Jackson at the top of that list.

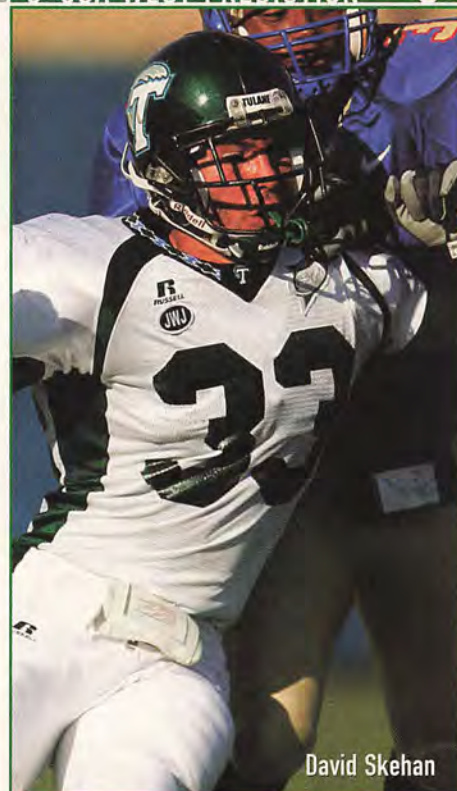
Specialists Tulane has a capable kick returner in senior Fred Smith and an excellent long snapper in Craig Gelhardt. The Green Wave aren't as settled on the guys doing the kicking. Ross Thevenot returns as the placekicker, but he wasn't consistent as a freshman. Darren DeRochemont, a freshman, will get a chance to win the punting job.

Final Analysis Don't expect miracles. Toledo has the ability to turn things around at Tulane. But it won't happen overnight. Don't forget that this is a program — and a city — still trying to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Tulane is good in spots, and the Green Wave are not too far below the typical talent level in Conference USA. It will be interesting to see what happens at quarterback and cornerback.

Perhaps the best that the Tulane faithful can hope for right now is an improvement over last year's four-win season. Small steps may be the best way to go.

Perhaps the most important game of the season comes in the second week when Tulane welcomes defending conference champion Houston to the Superdome. An unlikely win there would get Tulane started in the right direction.



David Skehan

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Matt Forte had 312 yards rushing in three games against SEC opponents last season. He had 170

yards against Mississippi State, 117 yards against Auburn and 25 yards against LSU.

Defense If games are truly won up front, then Tulane may be in good shape on defense. Senior tackles Frank Morton and Avery Williams and senior defensive end Antonio Harris anchor the defensive front. All three have played a lot of football at Tulane, and all three have made a lot of plays.

The Green Wave are also pretty good at the

Offense (5)

SE	83 Brian King (Jr.)	15	Michael Batiste (Jr.)
FL	20 Jeremy Williams (So.)	19	Casey Robottom (Fr.)
LT	77 Troy Kropog (Jr.)	74	Scott Holt (Sr.)
LG	51 Aryan Barto (Sr.)	62	Oscar Ponce de Leon (So.)
C	65 Michael Parenton (Jr.)	63	Kevin Leary (Fr.)
RG	78 Nick Landry (So.)	70	Travis Olexa (So.)
RT	58 Pete Hendrickson (Fr.)	78	Nick Landry (So.)
TE	5 Gabe Ratcliff (Jr.)	80	Justin Kessler (Jr.)
QB	4 Scott Elliott (Jr.)	9	Anthony Scelfo (So.)
FB	49 Jeremy McKinney (So.)	23	Ade Tuyo (Sr.)
TB	25 Matt Forte (Sr.)	22	Ray Boudreaux (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	93 Logan Kelley (So.)	46	Adam Kwentua (So.)
DT	99 Frank Morton (Sr.)	97	Julian Shives-Sams (Jr.)
DT	56 Avery Williams (Sr.)	96	Tony Bryant (Fr.)
DE	57 Antonio Harris (Sr.)	52	Troy Wilson (So.)
SLB	41 Cody Sparks (So.)	55	David Kirksey (So.)
MLB	34 Evan Lee (Jr.)	44	Jordan Ellis (Jr.)
WLB	10 James Dillard (Jr.)	53	James McMurchy (So.)
CB	21 Charles Harris (Jr.)	14	Carlis Jackson (Sr.)
CB	27 O'Lindsey Brown (Sr.)	12	Josh Lumar (Jr.)
SS	18 Joe Goosby (Sr.)	24	Chinonso Echebelem (So.)
FS	33 David Skehan (Jr.)	16	Louis Thomas (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	47 Ross Thevenot (So.)	KR	13 Fred Smith (Sr.)
P	Darren DeRochemont (Fr.)	PR	13 Fred Smith (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Scott Elliott, 30-13-132-1, 0 TDs
 Rushing: Matt Forte, 163 car., 859 yds., 8 TDs
 Receiving: Jeremy Williams, 40 rec., 484 yds., 2 TDs
 Tackles: David Skehan, 80, 55 solo
 Sacks: Frank Morton, 4
 Interceptions: David Skehan, 4 for 41 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 8	Mississippi State	L
S. 15	Houston	L
S. 22	SE Louisiana	W
S. 29	LSU	L
O. 6	at Army	*
O. 13	at UAB	*
O. 20	at SMU	L
O. 27	Memphis	L
N. 3	Tulsa	L
N. 10	UTEP	*
N. 17	at Rice	L
N. 24	at East Carolina	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 9	at Houston	L	7-45
S. 16	at Mississippi State	W	32-29
S. 23	at LSU	L	7-49
S. 30	SMU	L	28-33
O. 7	Rice	W	38-24
O. 14	at UTEP	L	20-34
O. 21	at Auburn	L	13-38
O. 28	Army	W	42-28
N. 4	at Marshall	L	21-42
N. 11	Southern Miss	L	3-31
N. 18	UCF	W	10-9
N. 24	at Tulsa	L	3-38

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.7 ppg	94
Rushing	92.2 ypg	105
Passing	246.5 ypg	21
Total	338.7 ypg	62
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	33.3 ppg	113
Rushing	149.5 ypg	83
Passing	250.2 ypg	113
Total	399.7 ypg	108
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-11	-0.92	112

Head Coach: Bob Toledo

2006 Record (C-USA): 4-8 (2-6)



UAB

BLAZERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA EAST PREDICTION

6

Offense New offensive coordinator Kim Helton promises a balanced offense, but UAB will look to pass the ball first. An inexperienced offensive line must mature quickly for the Blazers to move the ball at all, whether it's on the ground or in the air.

Junior Adam Truitt is the stabilizing force on the line, and sophomore center Jake Seitz enters his second season as a starter. The rest of the offensive line is full of question marks and youngsters. If the line can mesh quickly — which won't be easy with the first two games at Michigan State and Florida State — the offense can move the ball.

UAB looks good at quarterback with athletic sophomore Joseph Webb and fearless senior Sam Hunt. Head coach Neil Callaway was disappointed with his wide receivers during spring practice, but the Blazers have some potential playmakers at that position.

Freshman tight end Jeffrey Anderson is a future star, and versatile tight end/H-Back/fullback David Sigler is one of the key players on offense.

Shifty sophomore Rashaud Slaughter enters the fall as the starter at tailback, but the Blazers need immediate help from junior college transfer Aaron Johns and a talented group of freshmen.

are issues at that position.

Cornerback Kevin Sanders and safeties Will Dunbar and Durrell Fuqua lead a deep and experienced secondary. Zach Britten and Brandon Carlisle should share the cornerback spot on the other side from Sanders.

Life for those guys will be easier if the defensive linemen can make plays. Senior Brandon Jeffries should have a big year at defensive end, but everyone else up front is unproven. If junior college transfer and former Alabama signee Antonio Forbes doesn't help at tackle, then UAB could be in trouble on the defensive front.

Specialists Swayze Waters will be a busy man in the fall. The junior could be the team's placekicker, punter and kickoff specialist. The coaching staff hopes that freshman Charlie Edwards can take some pressure off Waters by winning the punting job. Slaughter will return kickoffs and punts, and Kevin Sanders will also help on punt returns.

Final Analysis Callaway has brought life to a program that was 8–15 in Watson Brown's final two seasons as the head coach. Whether the new feeling that Callaway brings to the job results in a better win-loss record remains to be seen.

The truth is that UAB lost 30 seniors from last year's team and also had some key players leave in the transition. The Blazers need some freshmen and incoming junior college players to help provide depth.

Even if the Blazers do make strides in Callaway's first season, it may not show up in the win column. The schedule is demanding, with non-conference road trips to Michigan State, Florida State and Mississippi State. If UAB comes out of that in good health, then it might be able to make some noise in C-USA play.

If not, then UAB will be at home during bowl season for the 11th time in the 12 years of Division I-A football at the school.

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Neil Callaway is only the second Division I-A head football coach in UAB history. Watson Brown guided the program through its transition to I-A in 1996.

Defense Again the question mark is UAB's ability to make things happen up front. Everywhere else, Eric Schuman's defense looks to be solid.

B.J. Steed in the middle and Joe Henderson and Kris Guyton on the outside have the talent to form one of the top linebacker groups in Conference USA. But consistency and depth



Kris Guyton

Offense (4)

WR	83 Courtney Smith (So.)	80 Blake Thackston (Sr.)
WR	29 Nick Coon (Sr.)	15 Sylvester Mencer (Jr.)
LT	63 Willie Thompson (So.)	67 Joseph Waller (Fr.)
LG	68 Adam Hollifield (Fr.)	56 Joseph Arnold (Sr.)
C	63 Jake Seitz (So.)	65 Daniel Turner (Sr.)
RG	79 JaMarius Dismuke (Sr.)	72 Logan Creel (Fr.)
RT	61 Adam Truitt (Jr.)	70 LaDarrius Stanley (Sr.)
TE	86 Jeffrey Anderson (Fr.)	82 Justin Cofer (Fr.)
HB	35 David Sigler (Sr.)	88 Julian Smith (So.)
QB	5 Joe Webb (So.)	3 Sam Hunt (Sr.)
RB	24 Rashaud Slaughter (So.)	Aaron Johns (Jr.)

Defense (4)

DE	92 Brandon Jeffries (Sr.)	87 Bryant Turner (Fr.)
DT	Antonio Forbes (Jr.)	76 Todd Howanitz (So.)
NT	89 Cortlin Johnson (Sr.)	58 Brandon Madden (So.)
DE	90 Joe Happe (So.)	95 Richard Carter (Jr.)
SLB	57 Kris Guyton (Jr.)	52 Jeffrey Williams (Sr.)
MLB	45 B.J. Steed (So.)	93 Larry Blanchard (Jr.)
WLB	51 Joe Henderson (Jr.)	9 Stanley Lykes (Sr.)
CB	21 Kevin Sanders (Jr.)	4 Brandon Carlisle (So.)
CB	31 Zach Britten (Sr.)	6 Carnell Williams (Sr.)
SS	32 Durrell Fuqua (Sr.)	48 Anthony Davis (Fr.)
FS	18 Will Dunbar (Sr.)	43 Matt Taylor (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	94 Swayze Waters (Jr.)	KR	24 Rashaud Slaughter (So.)
P	94 Swayze Waters (Jr.)	PR	24 Rashaud Slaughter (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Sam Hunt, 82-48-655-5, 2 TDs
Rushing: Sam Hunt, 69 car., 159 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Sylvester Mencer, 31 rec., 400 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Will Dunbar, 65, 44 solo
Sacks: Jerriekus Speights, 2
Interceptions: Two players tied with 3

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Michigan State	L
S. 8	at Florida State	L
S. 15	Alcorn State	W
S. 29	at Tulsa	L
O. 6	at Mississippi State	L
O. 13	Tulane	*
O. 20	Houston	L
O. 27	at East Carolina	L
N. 3	Southern Miss	L
N. 10	UCF	L
N. 17	at Memphis	L
N. 24	at Marshall	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Oklahoma	L	17–24
S. 9	East Carolina	W	17–12
S. 16	at Georgia	L	0–34
S. 23	Mississippi State (ot)	L	10–16
S. 30	Troy	W	21–3
O. 7	Memphis	W	35–29
O. 14	at Rice	L	33–34
O. 21	Marshall	L	24–31
O. 31	at SMU	L	9–22
N. 10	UTEP	L	17–36
N. 18	at Southern Miss	L	20–25
N. 25	at UCF	L	22–31

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.8 ppg	93
Rushing	125.6 ypg	73
Passing	184.5 ypg	78
Total	310.1 ypg	95
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.8 ppg	74
Rushing	146.8 ypg	74
Passing	212.5 ypg	74
Total	359.3 ypg	83
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+5	+0.42	33

Head Coach: Neil Callaway

2006 Record (C-USA): 3–9 (2–6)



LOUISIANA TECH

BULLDOGS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WAC PREDICTION

7

Offense First-year head coach Derek Dooley has four quarterbacks to select from, including 2006 starter Zac Champion, who completed 190-of-364 throws for 2,466 yards last season with 14 touchdowns. But 18 interceptions showed his penchant for making the wrong decision. Sophomore Michael Mosley could push Champion for playing time.

If there is an area that Tech fans are excited about it's at running back, where speedster Patrick Jackson returns for his junior campaign. Jackson was one of the few offensive bright spots for the Bulldogs last season, when he rushed for 854 yards on 170 carries. He also caught 22 passes for 181 yards while returning 29 kickoffs for a 24.2-yard average.

An offensive question mark surrounds the Tech receiving squad. Josh Wheeler is the most experienced returner after snaring 25 passes for 503 yards last season. Big things are also expected from sophomore Brian Jackson.

Tech's offensive bright spot should be a contingent of returning offensive linemen. Senior tackles Ryan Considine and Tyler Miller helped pave the way for Tech's offense last season. David Accardo will hold down the left guard spot, but the battle for right guard and center is still up for grabs.

the team this season, led by heady Quin Harris and bulky Brannon Jackson. An Academic All-WAC selection, Harris led the team with 95 tackles, including 39 solo, during his sophomore season. He has the kind of football smarts that Dooley likes on defense.

The Bulldogs were young in the secondary last season, and a year of getting picked on should help them turn things around in 2007. Converted running back Weldon Brown switched to the corner last year and showed an ability to make big plays. Safeties Mark Dillard and Antonio Baker also took their share of lumps in the backfield.

Specialists If experience is a major factor, Tech should be solid on special teams with kicker Danny Horwedel (8-of-12 field goals, 30-of-31 PATs) returning. Junior punter Chris Keagle (38.4-yard average) also returns, along with kickoff specialist Brad Oestricher. Both Jackson and Brown were solid as kick returners last season.

Final Analysis Although Dooley has never held a head coaching position, he gathered a wealth of expertise as Nick Saban's longest tenured assistant coach (seven years) both at LSU and with the Miami Dolphins. He is a hands-on, detail-oriented coach who runs the show in a drastically different manner from his predecessor. The 38-year-old former attorney is calling the shots and keeping information close to the vest.

That means that the Bulldogs will be a mystery team heading into the 2007 campaign. Dooley hired six new assistants, including offensive coordinator Frank Scelfo and defensive coordinator Tommy Spangler.

Former coach Jack Bicknell, fired after a 3-10 season, left the Dooley staff with some talent, so the Bulldogs should be improved this season. Bulldog fans can expect a team that will fight through four quarters but will still struggle to compete with the better teams in the WAC.



Zac Champion

Offense (6)

WR 88 Earl Griffin (Sr.)	19 Shane Womack (Jr.)
WR 3 Brian Jackson (So.)	82 Phillip Beck (Jr.)
WR 81 Josh Wheeler (Jr.)	8 Shawn Simmons (So.)
LT 73 Tyler Miller (Sr.)	79 Rob McGill (Fr.)
LG 66 David Accardo (Jr.)	75 Dwight Alexander (So.)
C 60 Lon Roberts (Fr.)	69 Greg Greathouse (Fr.)
RG 65 Ryan Snell (Jr.)	62 Ben Harris (So.)
RT 63 Ryan Considine (Sr.)	76 Cudahy Harmon (Fr.)
TE 47 Anthony Harrison (Jr.)	49 Dennis Morris (So.)
QB 10 Zac Champion (Sr.)	13 Michael Mosley (So.)
RB 23 Patrick Jackson (Jr.)	38 Daniel Porter (So.)

Defense (10)

DE 85 Randy Grigsby (Fr.)	94 Wes Day (Jr.)
DT 5 D'Anthony Smith (So.)	97 Jason Lewis (Jr.)
DT 92 Josh Muse (Sr.)	95 Breon Jackson (Jr.)
DE 98 Ben McGilton (Sr.)	41 Chris Pugh (Sr.)
SLB 45 Marquis McBeath (Sr.)	36 Brian White (So.)
MLB 58 Brannon Jackson (Sr.)	44 Anthony Crosby (Sr.)
WLB 37 Quin Harris (Jr.)	46 Marvin Lubin (Jr.)
CB 1 Tony Moss (Jr.)	18 Shalamar Walker (Sr.)
CB 35 Weldon Brown (Jr.)	27 Stevon Howze (Jr.)
SS 29 Mark Dillard (Sr.)	25 Deon Young (So.)
FS 34 Antonio Baker (So.)	16 Justin Johnson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 31 Danny Horwedel (Sr.)	KR 23 Patrick Jackson (Jr.)
P 17 Chris Keagle (Jr.)	PR 35 Weldon Brown (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Zac Champion, 364-190-2,466-18, 14 TDs
 Rushing: Patrick Jackson, 170 car., 854 yds., 7 TDs
 Receiving: Josh Wheeler, 25 rec., 503 yds., 4 TDs
 Tackles: Quin Harris, 95, 39 solo
 Sacks: Chris Pugh, 3.5
 Interceptions: Shalamar Walker, 3 for 41 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

O New Louisiana Tech football coach Derek Dooley has zero years of experience as a head coach on any level.

Defense The Bulldogs had quality starters but lacked depth on the defensive line last season. Josh Muse returns from an injury-plagued junior campaign, and sophomore D'Anthony Smith gained valuable experience as a true freshman.

While the Bulldogs have had trouble in recent years recruiting big defensive linemen, they've had little trouble attracting quality at linebacker. That group could be a strength of

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 Central Arkansas	W
S. 8 Hawaii	L
S. 15 at California	L
S. 29 at Fresno State	L
O. 6 at Ole Miss	L
O. 13 New Mexico State	*
O. 20 Boise State	L
O. 27 at Utah State	*
N. 3 at Idaho	*
N. 10 at LSU	L
N. 17 San Jose State	L
D. 1 at Nevada	L

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Nebraska	L	10-49
S. 16 Nicholls State	W	31-2
S. 23 at Texas A&M	L	14-45
S. 30 at Clemson	L	0-51
O. 7 at Boise State	L	14-55
O. 14 Idaho	L	14-24
O. 21 Utah State	W	48-35
O. 28 at San Jose State	L	10-44
N. 4 at North Texas	W	34-31
N. 11 at Hawaii	L	17-61
N. 18 Nevada	L	0-42
N. 24 Fresno State	L	27-34
D. 2 at New Mexico State	L	23-50

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.6 ppg	95
Rushing	130.2 ypg	62
Passing	214.4 ypg	46
Total	344.5 ypg	60
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.7 ppg	119
Rushing	225.4 ypg	118
Passing	257.9 ypg	116
Total	483.2 ypg	119
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-8	-0.62	102

Head Coach: Derek Dooley

2006 Record (WAC): 3-10 (1-7)



FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

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4

Offense Rusty Smith and Sean Clayton played ping-pong with the starting quarterback job last year, but the sophomore Smith corralled the job for good by completing 59.6 percent of his attempts over the last four games. The 6'5" Jacksonville native is the clear incumbent in 2007.

The team's pick for Most Valuable Player last year, junior tailback Charles Pierre, will have to resist a host of challengers for feature-back status. Foremost among them are B.J. Manley and former first-stringer Dilvory Edgcomb. At fullback, sophomore Willie Rose has the upper hand over senior Dominick Walker despite a dearth of experience.

Stretching the field in FAU's pro-set offense shouldn't be an issue for a diverse but young group of wideouts, including junior Frantz Simeon, basketball point guard Avery Holley, and sophomores Cortez Gent and Conshario Johnson. Sophomores Rob Housler and Jamari Grant are interchangeable as starting tight ends.

The Owls have had to shuffle the deck to fill holes at both tackle spots, but guard Jarrid Smith and center David Matlock should fortify the middle.

FAU also brings back a full complement of linebackers, with leading tackler Cergile Sincere at one outside slot and junior Andre Clark at the other. Ex-Boston College Eagle Frantz Joseph, the heaviest of the three at a mere 229 pounds, holds court in the middle. Juniors George Allen, Edward Bradwell and Kris Rush are firmly entrenched as the back-ups.

The Owls paced the Sun Belt in pass efficiency defense thanks in large part to senior safeties Kris Bartels and Taheem Acevedo. Junior Corey Small, who matched Acevedo with four picks in '06, returns at one corner, but the other corner is subject to a roll of the dice. Sophomore Erick McIntosh is bouncing back from a broken foot; redshirt freshman Tavious Polo could rise to the occasion instead.

Specialists Junior placekicker Warley Leroy was serviceable last year, although his range peaked around 40 yards. Punter Mike O'Neill grossed only 37.2 yards per boot, so freshman Mickey Groody may challenge for that role.

Final Analysis After being roadkill for Clemson, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and South Carolina, the Owls concluded 2006 with five wins in eight games, including four Sun Belt scalps. This year, 10 starters on defense and seven on offense return for renowned program architect — and former Miami, Louisville and Oklahoma coach — Howard Schnellenberger.

Asked if this should be a statement year for FAU, defensive coordinator Kirk Hoza exclaimed, "Absolutely. Two of the offenses we faced (Clemson and Oklahoma State) were in the top (20) in the nation. I don't think anyone can put that Clemson tape on and say, 'Wow, this is men against boys.'"

But before Owls fans book a trip to the New Orleans Bowl, note that six projected offensive starters are sophomores or younger. Also, all of those defensive returnees were co-conspirators in allowing the most rushing yards per game (163.6) of any Sun Belt squad.

192-20

FAU was overwhelmed by a combined score of 192-20

in its first four games last season — road contests at Clemson, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and South Carolina.

Defense The Owls didn't produce many sacks or stop many run-oriented teams in 2006, so returning all four linemen, including Lombardi watch list member Josh Pinnick, isn't necessarily a sure winner. Tackle Jervonte Jackson led all linemen with 46 tackles last fall. More is expected of ends Robert St. Clair and Randy Hunter.



Josh Pinnick

Offense (7)

WR 84 Conshario Johnson (So.)	17 Chad Wilkes (Jr.)
WR 6 Frantz Simeon (Jr.)	16 Cortez Gent (So.)
LT 70 Lavaris Williams (Fr.)	86 Paul Muse (So.)
LG 65 Brandon Jackson (Jr.)	76 Ryan Wischnieski (Fr.)
C 72 David Matlock (So.)	68 Nick Paris (Jr.)
RG 78 Jarrid Smith (Sr.)	73 Kevin Miller (So.)
RT 71 John Rizzo (Jr.)	67 Zachary Wichner (Sr.)
TE 81 Rob Housler (So.)	87 Jamari Grant (So.)
QB 11 Rusty Smith (So.)	15 Sean Clayton (Sr.)
FB 46 Willie Rose (So.)	2 Dominick Walker (Sr.)
RB 20 Charles Pierre (Jr.)	8 B.J. Manley (Sr.)

Defense (10)

DE 98 Robert St. Clair (Jr.)	93 E.J. Jones (Jr.)
DT 92 Jervonte Jackson (Jr.)	95 Josh Savidge (Jr.)
DT 97 Josh Pinnick (Sr.)	96 John Mertilus (So.)
DE 99 Randy Hunter (Jr.)	43 Julian Myers (Jr.)
SLB 49 Andre Clark (Jr.)	50 George Allen (Jr.)
MLB 56 Frantz Joseph (Jr.)	61 Kris Rush (Jr.)
WLB 45 Cergile Sincere (Sr.)	47 Ed Bradwell (Jr.)
CB 26 Corey Small (Jr.)	5 Tavious Polo (Fr.)
CB 21 Erick McIntosh (So.)	24 Tarvoris Hill (Fr.)
SS 27 Kris Bartels (Sr.)	4 Carldayle Brantley (Jr.)
FS 9 Taheem Acevedo (Sr.)	3 Greg Joseph (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 34 Warley Leroy (Jr.)	KR 28 Willie Floyd (So.)
P 38 Mike O'Neill (Sr.)	PR 6 Frantz Simeon (Jr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Rusty Smith, 194-108-1,285-8, 6 TDs
Rushing: Charles Pierre, 207 car, 756 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Frantz Simeon, 35 rec., 590 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Cergile Sincere, 78, 42 solo; Kris Bartels, 69, 44 solo
Sacks: Josh Pinnick, 5
Interceptions: Taheem Acevedo 4, Corey Small, 4

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2007 SCHEDULE			2006 RESULTS			2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS		
S. 1	Middle Tennessee	*	S. 2	at Clemson	L 6-54	Offense	Per Game	Rank
S. 8	at Oklahoma State	L	S. 9	at Kansas State	L 0-45	Scoring	15.1 ppg	110
S. 15	#Minnesota	L	S. 16	at Oklahoma State	L 8-48	Rushing	109.5 ypg	95
S. 22	at North Texas	W	S. 23	at South Carolina	L 6-45	Passing	187.8 ypg	73
S. 29	at Kentucky	L	S. 30	at UL Monroe	W 21-19	Total	297.3 ypg	98
O. 6	South Florida	L	O. 12	Southern Utah	W 32-7	Defense	Per Game	Rank
O. 20	at UL Lafayette	*	O. 18	UL Lafayette	L 0-6	Scoring	24.9 ppg	75
O. 27	UL Monroe	*	O. 28	Arkansas State	W 29-0	Rushing	163.3 ypg	97
N. 10	Arkansas State	*	N. 4	at Middle Tennessee	L 14-35	Total	334.1 ypg	60
N. 17	at Florida	L	N. 11	Troy	L 17-24	Passing	170.8 ypg	16
N. 24	at FIU	W	N. 18	at North Texas	W 17-16	TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
D. 1	at Troy	L	N. 25	FIU	W 31-0	+2	+0.17	44
	#Miami, FL							

Games in bold represent swing games.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Head Coach: Howard Schnellenberger

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 5-7 (4-3)



UL MONROE WARHAWKS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

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Offense It'll be the Kinsmon Lancaster show for the second consecutive season. The 5'11", 202-pound junior completed nearly 57 percent of his 250 passes last season in rolling up 1,789 yards with seven touchdowns. The versatile Lancaster also was the team's third leading rusher with 333 yards and five additional scores.

The Warhawks' running game centers around senior Calvin Dawson, who rushed for 1,210 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Coach Charlie Weatherbie will be counting on promising redshirt freshmen Frank Goodin and Tay Ogletree to back up Dawson.

While the ULM receiving corps struggled with youthful inconsistency during 2006, the group should be one of the most experienced on offense this season. All-Sun Belt second-team pick LaGregory Sapp led the Warhawks with 796 yards and three TDs on 43 catches.

The offensive line features five guys with plenty of experience and should be a strength of the team in 2007. For the second consecutive season, Kyle Cunningham, Aaron Schutz, Adam Hill, Patrick Avinger and Larry Shappley will protect Lancaster. Both seniors (Cunningham and Hill) have started 34 consecutive games for the Warhawks.

10

UL-Monroe returns 10 starters from the Sun Belt's top offensive team in 2006.

The Warhawks rolled up 4,174 yards of total offense.

Defense The Warhawks should be solid on the D-line with five players (including four tackles) returning with significant starting experience. Seniors Kendall Mouton and David Cooper hold down the middle at tackles, while sophomore Jameson Jordan is set at one end position. Jordan is the top returning tackler among defensive linemen with 25 stops.

A relatively inexperienced linebacking corps

will have to grow up quickly. Cardia Jackson returns from a true freshman campaign that saw him gain valuable experience.

With leading returning tackler Josh Thompson (six picks) returning at rover, the ULM secondary is in good hands. The Warhawks are also deep at cornerback, with three players — Quintez Secka, Darrius Battles and Greg James — back with quality experience.

Specialists Dawson and Darrell McNeal give the Warhawks a deadly one-two punch on kick returns, while senior kicker Cole Wilson returns after converting 14-of-15 field goals with a long of 49 yards. Punter Scott Love will have to develop quickly or the Warhawks may have field position troubles.

Final Analysis When he looks back on the 2007 football season, Weatherbie might have some words for Athletic Director Bobby Staub. The Warhawks have a non-conference slate that includes Tulsa, Clemson, Texas A&M and Alabama. While the Alabama game comes late in the season, the first three games are a prelude to the Sun Belt Conference opener against Troy, annually one of the top teams in the league.

Heading into the season, however, Weatherbie is undaunted. "Some of the larger opponents we face give our players a great experience as we are trying to move our program to the next level," Weatherbie says.

The Warhawks entire offense remains in tact, including Lancaster and Dawson, an All-Sun Belt running back. With the veteran offensive unit, scoring points shouldn't be a problem for the Warhawks once the Sun Belt season begins and they play teams at their level. The key to a successful season, however, will be keeping key performers healthy against foes from the SEC, Big 12 and the ACC. The Warhawks could be contenders in the Sun Belt, but having to play Troy, Florida Atlantic and UL Lafayette on the road will make it tough.



Calvin Dawson

Offense (10)

WR	1 J.J. McCoy (Jr.)	9 Aaron Stringfellow (So.)
WR	3 Darrell McNeal (So.)	6 Marty Humphrey (Jr.)
WR	18 LaGregory Sapp (Jr.)	8 Josh Boudreaux (So.)
LT	75 Kyle Cunningham (Sr.)	71 Doug Stroud (Fr.)
LG	70 Aaron Schutz (Jr.)	74 Andrew Stout (Fr.)
C	79 Adam Hill (Sr.)	62 Brent Gregston (Sr.)
RG	55 Patrick Avinger (Sr.)	65 Brett Thompson (So.)
RT	76 Larry Shappley (Jr.)	68 Kyle Kersten (Jr.)
TE	88 Mitch Doyle (Jr.)	15 Zeek Zacharie (Jr.)
QB	7 Kinsmon Lancaster (Jr.)	12 Trey Revell (Fr.)
RB	22 Calvin Dawson (Sr.)	5 Frank Goodin (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE	58 Alaric Coleman (So.)	93 Aaron Morgan (So.)
DT	99 David Cooper (Sr.)	90 DeMarcus Carmouche (Jr.)
NT	98 Kendall Mouton (Sr.)	53 Ricky Williams (Sr.)
DE	95 Jameson Jordan (So.)	43 Travis Eickman (Jr.)
LB	35 Jeremy Moll (Jr.)	50 Josh Thomas (So.)
LB	51 Cardia Jackson (So.)	13 Chance Payne (Jr.)
CB	21 Quintez Secka (Sr.)	2 Greg James (So.)
CB	19 Darrius Battles (Sr.)	32 Alex Blake (Fr.)
BAN	39 James Wright (Sr.)	37 Preston Fuller (Fr.)
ROV	28 Josh Thompson (Jr.)	27 Alex Ibe II (Fr.)
FS	34 James Truxillo (So.)	46 Bridger Durham (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	87 Cole Wilson (Sr.)	KR	3 Darrell McNeal (So.)
P	48 Scott Love (So.)	PR	3 Darrell McNeal (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kinsmon Lancaster, 250-142-1,789-14, 7 TDs
Rushing: Calvin Dawson, 213 car., 1,210 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: LaGregory Sapp, 43 rec., 796 yds., 3 TDs
Tackles: Josh Thompson, 83, 47 solo
Sacks: Aaron Morgan, 4
Interceptions: Josh Thompson, 6 for 80 yds.

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 Tulsa	L
S. 8 at Clemson	L
S. 15 at Texas A&M	L
S. 29 at Troy	L
O. 6 Arkansas State	L
O. 13 at North Texas	*
O. 20 Florida International	W
O. 27 at Florida Atlantic	*
N. 3 Middle Tennessee	L
N. 10 Grambling	W
N. 17 at Alabama	L
N. 24 at UL Lafayette	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Alcorn State	W	24-6
S. 9 at Kansas	L	19-21
S. 16 at Alabama	L	7-41
S. 30 Florida Atlantic	L	19-21
O. 7 at Arkansas State	L	6-10
O. 14 at Troy	L	19-24
O. 21 Middle Tennessee	L	21-35
O. 28 at Arkansas	L	10-44
N. 11 at FIU	W	35-0
N. 18 at Kentucky	L	40-42
N. 25 North Texas	W	23-3
D. 2 at UL Lafayette	W	39-20

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	21.8 ppg	76
Rushing	155.3 ypg	41
Passing	192.5 ypg	68
Total	347.8 ypg	55
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	22.3 ppg	56
Rushing	150.4 ypg	84
Passing	196.1 ypg	50
Total	346.5 ypg	71
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
+10	+0.83	12

Head Coach: Charlie Weatherbie

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 4-8 (3-4)

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ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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Offense New head coach Stan Brock and offensive coordinator Tim Walsh will continue to run a pro-set offense that projects an equal run-pass distribution. The difference this season is that some innovations, at least by West Point standards, will be part of the scheme and add a much-needed dimension to an offense that was often stagnant a season ago.

While there are a couple of holes to patch on the line, there is plenty of returning experience at many key spots. Sophomore Carson Williams finished last season as the starting quarterback after taking over for senior David Pevoto. The top job could certainly be Williams' by the time the Black Knights kick off at Akron.

Senior Jeremy Trimble could conclude this season as Army's all-time leading receiver. He is joined by Corey Anderson, Mike Wright and Damion Hunter in what could be a pretty exciting receiving corps. Justin Larson takes over at tight end.

10

Army has suffered through 10 consecutive losing seasons. Army has won no more than four games during the decade-long skid.

Nobody knew what to expect from a group of running backs that had a combined four carries entering the 2006 season. Junior Wesley McMahan (654 yards on a 4.4-yard average) emerged to answer a lot of the questions, with freshman Tony Moore proving to be a solid No. 2 ball carrier. Fullback Mike Viti handled the ball more frequently as the season progressed, and that's a trend that could continue into this season.

Senior center Trey Miranne anchors a line that may take a little time to mold. Left tackle Ray Zelenek and guard Connor Wicklund are fellow seniors with some starting experience.

Defense The loss of Cameron Craig on the line may be smoothed over in part by the emergence of Iowa transfer Ted Bentler. The sophomore tackle is joined by a trio of seniors with experience — John Wright, Tony Fusco and Brandon Thompson.

Charlie Rockwood will man the strong side of a linebacker corps that should also include Brian Chmura and Frank Scappaticci, both of whom made strides in the spring toward being starters when the curtain rises on the season.

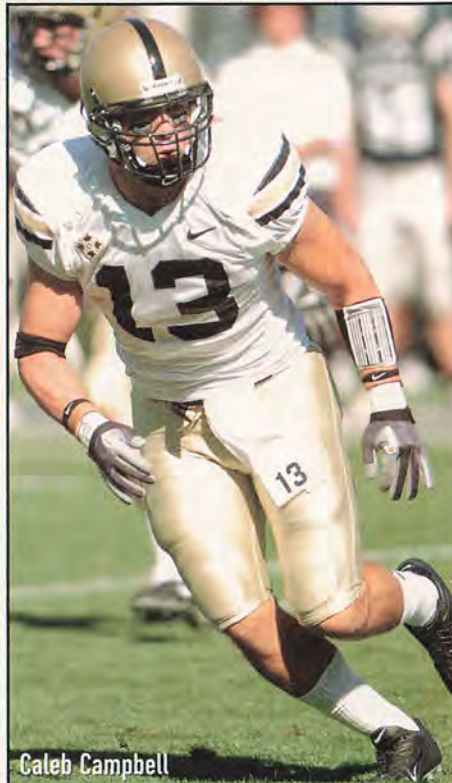
Led by senior strong safety Caleb Campbell, healthy after missing the final three games with a knee injury, a veteran-laden secondary returns. Kevin Opoku, a seven-game starter in '06, is back along with Jordan Murray and John Laird, who has also lined up at linebacker.

Specialists Trimble was a big-time threat (18.1, 2 TDs) returning punts last season. Anderson should see some time back deep on kicks. Speaking of kicks, punter Owen Tolson returns, and he was also being closely looked at in the spring for placekicking chores, although Brock would prefer that someone else win the job.

Final Analysis Bobby Ross' retirement in January surprised many. He restored much of the program's competitive spirit during his three-year stint. Still, Brock inherits a program that has not won more than four games since 1996. Much younger than Ross, Brock has made noticeable changes to the atmosphere surrounding the storied program, a change that has energized the players. Not the least of those changes is bringing in Walsh to add spice to what had become a predictable offense.

Unlike a season ago, there is talent returning to West Point. Still, traversing a schedule featuring seven bowls teams — including Boston College, Georgia Tech and upstarts Wake Forest and Rutgers — is a quite a task.

But because of the experience on both sides of the ball, which includes a couple of legitimate prospects, there's a chance Army could top last season's three wins.



Caleb Campbell

Offense (6)

WR	36	Damion Hunter (So.)	83	Elliott Emerich (Sr.)
WR	5	Jeremy Trimble (Sr.)	13	Mike Wright (Jr.)
LT	75	Ray Zelenak (Sr.)	79	Brandon Cox (Jr.)
LG	79	Brandon Cox (Jr.)	77	John Keller (Jr.)
C	64	Trey Miranne (Sr.)	65	Seth Fabin (Sr.)
RG	74	Connor Wicklund (Sr.)	65	Seth Fabin (Sr.)
RT	76	Mike Lemming (Jr.)	98	Joe Muldoon (So.)
TE	80	Justin Larson (Sr.)	88	Mike Evans (Jr.)
QB	10	Carson Williams (So.)	92	David Pevoto (Sr.)
FB	33	Mike Viti (Sr.)	22	Collin Mooney (Jr.)
TB	23	Wesley McMahan (Jr.)	37	Tony Moore (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	95	Brandon Thompson (Sr.)	78	David Shore (Jr.)
DT	98	John Wright (Sr.)	72	Ted Bentler (So.)
DT	66	Tony Fusco (Sr.)	85	Mike Gann (So.)
DE	88	Victor Ugenyi (So.)	92	Elliott Antoine (Jr.)
SLB	45	Charlie Rockwood (Sr.)	42	John Plumstead (Jr.)
MLB	44	Brian Chmura (Sr.)	28	Arlance Jenkins (Jr.)
WLB	49	Frank Scappaticci (Jr.)	34	Antoine Johnson (So.)
CB	36	John Laird (Sr.)	6	Josh Mitchell (Jr.)
CB	25	Kevin Opoku (Sr.)	5	Mario Hill (So.)
SS	13	Caleb Campbell (Sr.)	32	Ryan Brence (Sr.)
FS	19	Jordan Murray (Sr.)	10	Dennis Cooper (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	10	Adam DeMarco (Jr.)	KR	6	Corey Anderson (Sr.)
P	1	Owen Tolson (Sr.)	PR	5	Jeremy Trimble (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: David Pevoto, 193-106-1,012-14, 6 TDs
Rushing: Wesley McMahan, 150 car., 654 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Jeremy Trimble, 52 rec., 534 yds., 2 TDs
Tackles: Caleb Campbell, 59, 30 solo
Sacks: Two players tied with 2
Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	#at Akron	*
S. 8	Rhode Island	W
S. 15	at Wake Forest	L
S. 22	at Boston College	L
S. 29	Temple	W
O. 6	Tulane	*
O. 13	at Central Michigan	L
O. 20	at Georgia Tech	L
N. 3	at Air Force	L
N. 9	Rutgers	L
N. 17	Tulsa	L
D. 1	Navy	L
	%Cleveland, OH	
	%Baltimore, MD	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Arkansas State	L	6-14
S. 9	Kent State	W	17-14
S. 16	at Texas A&M	L	24-28
S. 23	at Baylor	W	27-20
S. 30	Rice	L	14-48
O. 7	VMI	W	62-7
O. 14	at Connecticut	L	7-21
O. 21	TCU	L	17-31
O. 28	at Tulane	L	28-42
N. 3	Air Force	L	7-43
N. 18	at Notre Dame	L	9-41
D. 2	at Navy	L	14-26

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	19.3 ppg	90
Rushing	127.6 ypg	70
Passing	133.4 ypg	113
Total	261.0 ypg	112
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	27.9 ppg	96
Rushing	198.9 ypg	115
Passing	156.0 ypg	7
Total	354.9 ypg	79
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-18	-1.50	119

Head Coach: Stan Brock

2006 Record: 3-9

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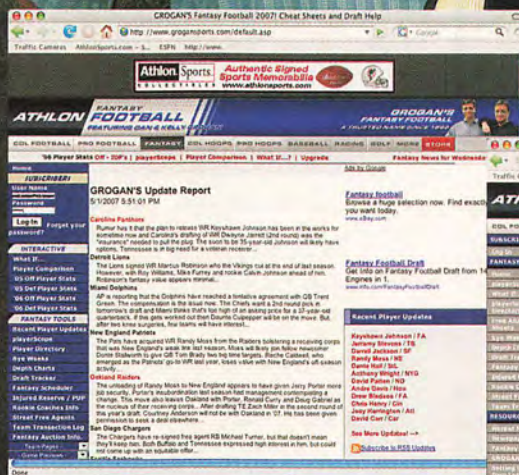
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UL LAFAYETTE

RAGIN' CAJUNS

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

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6

Offense Tyrell Fenroy by himself makes UL Lafayette's offense a threat. Fenroy rushed for 1,197 yards and 10 scores as a sophomore, giving him 1,000-plus yards in each of his two seasons. Led by Fenroy and a solid offensive line, the Cajuns had four games in which they recorded 265 or more rush yards.

Even though the offensive line has questions, the running attack may be even better. Quarterback Michael Desormeaux filled in for injured starter Jerry Babb for four games as a freshman in 2005 and had some electric rushing performances. Desormeaux was the team's fourth-leading rusher last year as a backup, but he threw only nine times for a total of 15 yards. His aerial success, to take the pressure off the running game, may be the key to the entire season.

Brandon Cox's graduation leaves a gigantic hole in the offensive front, but most of the projected regulars have seen significant playing time. Canadian strongman Jesse Newman has 34 career starts and is coming off an all-conference season at left tackle, and Chris Fisher returns after a surprising freshman season in the middle.

sophomore and had to plug holes with the injury absence of the consistent Mark Risher. The team's biggest surprise last year was walk-on-turned-linebacker starter Antwyne Zanders.

Injuries decimated the Cajuns' secondary last year and forced early appearances for several first-timers. After those trials by fire, the unit does have depth and five seniors on the depth chart. Safety Lamar Morgan provides a playmaker.

Specialists A big placement question last year was answered when newcomer Drew Edmiston became a first-team all-league pick. Edmiston missed only three times all year and made eight of his last nine. This time, it's the punting slot that has the Cajun staff worried, and spring drills didn't provide any answers.

Final Analysis High hopes abounded in the Ragin' Cajun camp last season, and a four-game win streak early in the season appeared to justify UL Lafayette's consensus pick to win its first-ever outright Sun Belt Conference title. Those dreams, though, were flushed out into the nearby Gulf of Mexico, as the Cajuns lost three straight games early in the conference season. Coach Rickey Bustle brought in four new coaches, including two new coordinators, in an effort to find consistency on both sides of the ball.

The potential exists again for both units to find success. Fenroy, the first player in Cajun history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, and Desormeaux provide big-play capability. But new faces will have to fill some offensive line holes, and an inconsistent receiver corps has to find its hands in a hurry. Defensively, the unit is serviceable but can't afford injuries.

The Cajuns will find out in a hurry if they're a contender, with preseason league favorite Troy heading to Lafayette for the conference opener. If they pull off an early upset, a league title isn't out of the realm of possibility.



Tyrell Fenroy

Offense (6)

WR 18 Derrick Smith (Jr.)	24 Phillip Nevells (So.)
WR 5 Jason Chery (Jr.)	85 Marlin Miller (Fr.)
LT 67 Jesse Newman (Sr.)	78 Kyle Pirtle (So.)
LG 56 Will Chance (Sr.)	75 Brad Bustle (So.)
C 79 Chris Fisher (So.)	60 Ian Burks (Fr.)
RG 70 Zach Leger (Sr.)	58 Junior Ramos (Sr.)
RT 55 Brad Bryant (So.)	76 Damian Jones (Sr.)
TE 87 Kevin Belton (Sr.)	88 Erik Jones (Jr.)
QB 6 Michael Desormeaux (Jr.)	3 John Hundley (So.)
FB 22 Abdulle Levier (Sr.)	45 Chancellor Roberson (Jr.)
RB 32 Tyrell Fenroy (Jr.)	31 Deon Wallace (So.)

Defense (5)

DE 90 Rodney Hardeway (Sr.)	93 Hall Davis (So.)
DT 94 Korey Raymond (Sr.)	99 Seth Adams (Jr.)
DT 95 LaQuincy Williams (So.)	62 Sharrick Moore (Fr.)
DE 44 Greg Hathorn (Sr.)	97 Terrell Richardson (Fr.)
SLB 4 Mark Risher (Sr.)	29 Jonathon Vance (Jr.)
MLB 43 Brent Burkhalter (Jr.)	57 Fred Davis (Fr.)
WLB 41 Antwyne Zanders (Jr.)	52 Tre' Green (Sr.)
CB 21 Torres Kingsby (Sr.)	26 Kyle Ward (Sr.)
CB 2 Jarrett Jones (Sr.)	23 Junior Jean (So.)
SS 8 Lamar Morgan (Sr.)	20 Derik Keyes (Sr.)
FS 30 Gerren Blount (So.)	37 Maurice Rolle (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 48 Drew Edmiston (Jr.)	KR 5 Jason Chery (Jr.)
P 49 Tyler Albrecht (Fr.)	PR 24 Phillip Nevells (Fr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Michael Desormeaux, 9-2-15-0, 0 TD
Rushing: Tyrell Fenroy, 223 car., 1,197 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Derrick Smith, 41 rec., 551 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Brent Burkhalter, 61, 31 solo
Sacks: Rodney Hardeway, 5
Interceptions: Gerren Blount, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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The Cajuns have combined to win 12 games over the last two seasons, the most in a two-year span in over a decade.

Defense End Rodney Hardeway came from nowhere last season to lead the front wall in tackles, stops for a loss and sacks, but he's going to need help this year. The line needs similar performances from end Greg Hathorn and tackle Korey Raymond, both of whom bounced in and out of the lineup.

The linebackers could be considered an undersized group, but that suits the Cajuns' defensive philosophy well. The best fit is Brent Burkhalter, who led the team in tackles as a

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at South Carolina	L
S. 8 Ohio	*
S. 15 McNeese State	W
S. 22 Troy	L
S. 29 at UCF	L
O. 6 North Texas	*
O. 13 at Arkansas State	L
O. 20 Florida Atlantic	*
N. 3 at Tennessee	L
N. 10 at Middle Tennessee	L
N. 17 at FIU	W
N. 24 UL Monroe	*

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at LSU	L	3-45
S. 9 at Texas A&M	L	7-51
S. 23 North Carolina A&T	W	48-7
S. 30 Eastern Michigan	W	33-14
O. 7 at Houston	W	31-28
O. 18 at Florida Atlantic	W	6-0
O. 28 Middle Tennessee	L	20-34
N. 4 at Troy	L	28-42
N. 11 North Texas	L	7-16
N. 18 at FIU	W	17-7
N. 25 Arkansas State	W	28-13
D. 2 UL Monroe	L	20-39

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	20.7 ppg	83
Rushing	188.4 ypg	11
Passing	129.2 ypg	114
Total	317.6 ypg	82
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	24.7 ppg	73
Rushing	126.9 ypg	49
Passing	204.2 ypg	61
Total	331.1 ypg	54
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	93

Head Coach: Rickey Bustle

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 6-6 (3-4)



IDAHO VANDALS

NATIONAL FORECAST
WAC PREDICTION

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8

Offense The Vandals will run a new offense this season, but the biggest question in Moscow is, who will run it? Four candidates — senior Brian Nooy, junior Chris Joseph, junior Luke Tracy and redshirt freshman Nathan Enderle — competed for the job in spring practice, but the competition will carry over to fall camp. One thing is certain — whoever wins the job must use his arm and feet to move the team. The new offense is a one-back package that includes designed quarterback runs and option plays.

There is some stability lining up behind the new signal-caller, though. The Vandals return their top two rushers from a year ago in Brian Flowers and Jason Bird, but that duo could be pushed by redshirt freshmen Deonte Jackson and Andre Harris.

With Marlon Haynes no longer a part of the team, Lee Smith gives the quarterback his most viable deep threat. Slot receiver Max Komar emerged as a dependable third-down target last season as a redshirt freshman.

The offense will operate behind an experienced line that has a pair of two-year starters in center Adam Korby and tackle Kris Anderson.

4 Idaho's fifth-year seniors (Brian Nooy and Josh Bousman) have played for four different head coaches — Tom Cable in 2003, Nick Holt in 2004 and 2005, Dennis Erickson in 2006 and Robb Akey this year.

Defense Idaho has one of the better linebacking corps in the WAC. In fact, the Vandals' second line of defense is deep and talented enough that the team might ditch its preferred 4-3 lineup to play a 3-4 that will get more playmakers on the field.

Weak-side backer David Vobora is the

playmaker on defense. He finished seventh in the nation in total tackles per game (11.2) and fourth in solos (7.0). He will benefit from a healthy Jo Artis Ratti in the middle. Ratti is the team's most physical player, and Idaho didn't win a game after he was lost for the season with an injury in the seventh game.

Stanley Franks is a lockdown cornerback who led the nation in interceptions last season with nine. He, along with safeties Shiloh Keo and Chris Smith, give the Vandals a secondary chock full of playmakers.

The key to the defense, though, could be the defensive line. Idaho is short on bodies up front and has had trouble generating a pass rush in recent seasons. That needs to change for this defense to reach its potential.

Specialists Idaho returns reliable kicker Tino Amancio (12-of-17 field goals) for his junior season. T.J. Conley averaged 39.4 yards per punt last year. Franks and Raymond Fry, who were the top kick returners last season, return to that role again. Punt returns remain a work in progress entering fall camp.

Final Analysis Robb Akey is next to step into Idaho's revolving door of coaches. The former Washington State defensive coordinator has plenty of challenges ahead while trying to direct the Vandals to their first winning season this decade. It won't be easy with games at USC and Washington State, as well as conference road games at Boise State and Nevada.

But the Vandals do have six home games for the first time since the school joined Division I-A in 1996 and must take advantage of the Kibbie Dome and its new turf for a legit shot this year.

The Vandals have some All-WAC talent sprinkled throughout their roster, but depth and consistency are areas that could spoil Akey's first season in Moscow. Matching last year's total of three WAC wins would be considered a successful season.



David Vobora

Offense (5)

WR 22 Max Komar (So.)	2 Tariq Ikharo (Sr.)
WR 86 Lee Smith (Jr.)	15 Cary Jensen-Madison (Fr.)
WR 12 Corey Rhoane (Jr.)	81 Steven Brown (Fr.)
LT 71 Billy Bates (Jr.)	75 Kellen Beam (Fr.)
LG 77 Mike Iupati (Jr.)	74 Brandon Schulte (Jr.)
C 72 Adam Korby (Jr.)	69 Irwin Stevens III (So.)
RG 62 Adam Juratovac (So.)	51 Marcis Fennell (Sr.)
RT 65 Kris Anderson (Jr.)	60 Kai Jensen (Fr.)
TE 18 Eddie Williams (Jr.)	32 Rolly Lumbala (Sr.)
QB 10 Nathan Enderle (Fr.)	17 Luke Tracy (Jr.)
RB 44 Jayson Bird (Jr.)	4 Brian Flowers (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE 58 Ben Alexander (Sr.)	57 Taylor Rust (Jr.)
DT 84 Alex Toailoa (Jr.)	95 Lavarias, Aaron (Fr.)
DT 91 Siua Musika (Sr.)	90 Marcus Pedro (Fr.)
DE 55 George Fa'avae (Sr.)	98 Josh Shaw (Jr.)
SLB 5 Brandon Ogletree (Sr.)	31 Josh Bousman (Sr.)
MLB 43 Jo Artis Ratti (Sr.)	42 Paul Senescall (Fr.)
WLB 40 David Vobora (Sr.)	31 Josh Bousman (Sr.)
CB 6 Stanley Franks (Sr.)	T.J. Taylor (Jr.)
CB T.J. Taylor (Jr.)	30 General Parnell (Fr.)
SS 21 Chris Smith (Sr.)	24 Lee Jones (Sr.)
FS 10 Shiloh Keo (So.)	33 Brandon Nystrom (So.)

Special Teams

K 19 Tino Amancio (Jr.)	KR 27 Raymond Fry (So.)
P 14 T.J. Conley (Jr.)	PR 27 Raymond Fry (So.)

Return Leaders

Passing: Brian Nooy, 24-12-194-1, 0 TDs
Rushing: Brian Flowers, 128 car., 561 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Brian Flowers, 18 rec., 161 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles: David Vobora, 134, 101 solo
Sacks: Jo Artis Ratti, 3
Interceptions: Stanley Franks, 9 for 220 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Peter Brummet

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at USC	L
S. 8 Cal Poly	W
S. 15 at Washington State	L
S. 22 Northern Illinois	L
S. 29 Hawaii	L
O. 6 at San Jose State	L
O. 13 Fresno State	L
O. 20 at New Mexico State	L
O. 27 at Nevada	L
N. 3 Louisiana Tech	*
N. 17 at Boise State	L
N. 24 Utah State	*

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Michigan State	L	17-27
S. 9 at Washington State	L	10-56
S. 16 Idaho State	W	27-24
S. 23 at Oregon State	L	0-38
S. 30 at Utah State	W	41-21
O. 7 New Mexico State	W	28-20
O. 14 at Louisiana Tech	W	24-14
O. 21 Boise State	L	26-42
O. 29 at Hawaii	L	10-68
N. 4 Nevada	L	7-45
N. 18 at Fresno State	L	0-34
N. 25 San Jose State	L	13-28

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	16.9 ppg	103
Rushing	114.2 ypg	88
Passing	196.1 ypg	63
Total	310.3 ypg	94
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	34.8 ppg	115
Rushing	165.0 ypg	98
Passing	229.4 ypg	95
Total	394.4 ypg	103
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-1	-0.08	68

Head Coach: Robb Akey

2006 Record (WAC): 4-6 (3-5)



NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

NATIONAL FORECAST
SUN BELT PREDICTION

114
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Offense North Texas returns only four offensive starters, and first-year coach Todd Dodge is replacing the team's smashmouth running attack of recent years with a four-wideout spread offense.

Junior quarterback Daniel Meager is the frontrunner to guide the Mean Green's attack. Meager has battled for the starting spot the last two seasons, passing for 517 yards and four TDs in six starts in 2006. Junior Matt Phillips, sophomore Nathan Tune and true freshman Giovanni Vizza may also vie for snaps.

Running back Jamario Thomas is three years removed from leading the nation in rushing, and he now must assume a new role in a spread offense. Thomas rushed for 1,801 yards in his 2004 freshman season but has amassed only 1,029 yards in two seasons since.

North Texas will rotate at least eight receivers in its passing attack, but only senior Brandon Jackson returns as a starter. Converted tight ends, inexperienced wideouts and newcomers will fill the rest of the void at a vital position in Dodge's new offense. Jackson's mere 17 catches last season are more than all other wideouts combined in their career.

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Running back Jamario Thomas had an NCAA freshman-record six 200-yard rushing games in 2004, but none since.

Center Chad Rose and left guard Adam Venegas are the line's only returning starters, but the unit's success could depend on the return of tackle Josh Alexander, who sat out last season with a knee injury. If healthy, Alexander may be the team's best lineman. Tackle Robert Peachey and guard Kelvin Drake, both sophomores, are first-time starters.

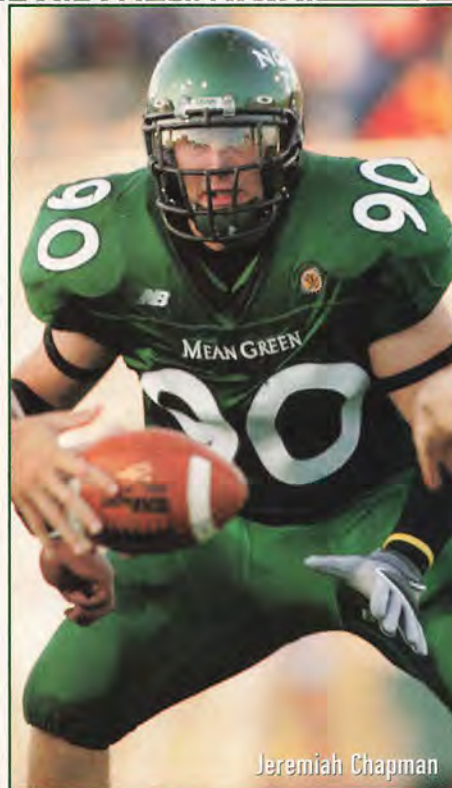
Defense Ten defensive starters and last season's eight top tacklers return to compensate for an offense likely to face growing pains. Moving from a 3-4 scheme to a 4-3, North Texas is heavy at linebacker. Seven backers return who have started at least one game, creating the likely strength of the Mean Green defense. Senior Derek Mendoza will man the middle, while All-Sun Belt candidate Maurice Holman is on the outside. Senior Brandon Monroe, junior Colt Mahan, junior Germaine Dawson and sophomore Tobe Nwigwe were among the team's top tacklers last season and should add depth at the position.

The front four returns starting senior defensive ends Blake Burruss and Jeremiah Chapman, an All-Sun Belt performer last season. All four starters return in the secondary, including leading tackler and senior safety Aaron Weathers. Roy Loren will start at strong safety. Sophomores Dominique Green and Antoine Bush will be reinforced at cornerback by Baylor transfer Latif Nurudeen. Although the secondary returns plenty of experience, the unit intercepted a league-low three passes in 2006.

Specialists Punter is locked up by All-Sun Belt selection Truman Spencer, who averaged 41.2 yards per boot last season. Kicker is anyone's guess. Dodge must produce a reliable leg via walk-on or late signee before the season opener.

Final Analysis Back-to-back losing seasons have erased most remnants of North Texas' four straight Sun Belt titles from 2001-04. Dodge, previously one of the nation's top high school coaches, takes the Mean Green helm in hopes of returning a swagger to a recently stagnant program.

"I've got a very vivid picture of our offense and what this team can be, and I think we've got the players to do it," Dodge says. "We've just got to get the players to see that picture, too. There's going to be a championship race, and we plan on being in the thick of it."



Jeremiah Chapman

Offense (4)

WR	87 Casey Fitzgerald (Jr.)	48 Ryan Davenport (Jr.)
WR	82 Brock Stickler (Jr.)	10 Korey Washington (So.)
WR	Sam Roberson (Fr.)	80 Isiah Smith (Jr.)
WR	49 Brandon Jackson (Sr.)	84 Charlie Brown (So.)
LT	58 Josh Alexander (Sr.)	71 Matt Menard (Fr.)
LG	74 Adam Venegas (Sr.)	78 Nick Foster (So.)
C	67 Chad Rose (Jr.)	68 Kelvin Drake (So.)
RG	68 Kelvin Drake (So.)	57 Tyler Bailey (So.)
RT	69 Robert Peachey (So.)	70 Brian Carlson (Sr.)
QB	7 Daniel Meager (Jr.)	18 Matt Phillips (Jr.)
RB	20 Jamario Thomas (Sr.)	26 Cam Montgomery (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE	89 Blake Burruss (Sr.)	65 Joseph Miller (Jr.)
DT	99 Issac Thomas (Jr.)	61 Jonathan Stewart (So.)
DT	79 Montey Stevenson (So.)	94 Ed Gilmore (So.)
DE	90 Jeremiah Chapman (Sr.)	47 Tye Rexrode (Jr.)
OLB	41 Maurice Holman (Sr.)	53 Germaine Dawson (Jr.)
MLB	51 Derek Mendoza (Sr.)	44 Tobe Nwigwe (So.)
OLB	4 Brandon Monroe (Sr.)	40 Colt Mahan (Jr.)
CB	2 Dominique Green (Jr.)	21 Desmon Chatman (So.)
CB	31 Latif Nurudeen (Jr.)	35 Antoine Bush (So.)
SS	29 Roy Loren (Sr.)	16 Steve Warren (Jr.)
FS	38 Aaron Weathers (Sr.)	24 Roderick Cotton (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	23 Steven Woodward (Fr.)	KR	49 Brandon Jackson (Sr.)
P	25 Truman Spencer (Jr.)	PR	49 Brandon Jackson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Daniel Meager, 100-53-517-6, 4 TDs
Rushing: Jamario Thomas, 181 car., 668 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Brandon Jackson, 17 rec., 188 yds., 1 TD
Tackles: Aaron Weathers, 78, 45 solo
Sacks: Jeremiah Chapman, 4.5
Interceptions: Five players tied with 1

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2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1	at Oklahoma	L
S. 8	at SMU	L
S. 22	Florida Atlantic	L
S. 29	at Arkansas	L
O. 6	at UL Lafayette	*
O. 13	UL Monroe	*
O. 20	at Troy	L
O. 27	Middle Tennessee	L
N. 10	Navy	L
N. 15	at Arkansas State	L
N. 24	Western Kentucky	W
D. 1	at FIU	W

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

S. 2	at Texas	L	7-56
S. 9	SMU	W	24-6
S. 16	at Tulsa	L	3-28
S. 23	at Akron	L	13-33
S. 30	Middle Tennessee	L	0-35
O. 7	FIU	(7ot) W	25-22
O. 21	at Arkansas State	L	10-29
O. 28	at Troy	L	6-14
N. 4	Louisiana Tech	L	31-34
N. 11	at UL Lafayette	W	16-7
N. 18	Florida Atlantic	L	16-17
N. 25	at UL Monroe	L	3-23

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	12.8 ppg	115
Rushing	117.0 ypg	83
Passing	115.2 ypg	117
Total	232.2 ypg	117
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	25.3 ppg	79
Rushing	149.3 ypg	82
Passing	189.1 ypg	42
Total	338.4 ypg	64
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-15	-1.25	117

Head Coach: Todd Dodge

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 3-9 (2-5)



TEMPLE OWLS

Offense Temple has six offensive starters back and 24 players who saw action in a season that saw the Owls generate very little production. Adam DiMichele had his moments — both good and bad — at quarterback. Against MAC competition, which might be most pertinent, he put up solid numbers. But Vaughn Charlton nudged ahead of DiMichele in the spring, although both are likely to play.

The line, anchored by team MVP Alex Derenthal, has plenty of potential. Like much of the roster, it's a work in progress. Growing pains will continue all around. For the time being, it's something Golden's going to have to live with.

Bruce Francis, who caught four TD passes a year ago, is the leading returning receiver. Wideout Travis Shelton is a true gamebreaker with excellent speed, although he does most of his damage on returns. Consistency figures to be an ongoing area of concern. The Owls have to find a way to replace Tim Brown, who was the primary rushing threat. If nothing else, there should be plenty of candidates.

the leading candidates. But a lot could change by September — and November.

Among the linebackers, Alex Joseph (weak side), Lamar McPherson (strong side) and Omar McDonnaugh-Hales (middle) are the ones to beat out. McPherson, a Philly native, transferred from Syracuse.

In the secondary, which has historically been a trouble spot, first-year Philly product Daryl Robinson, who originally committed to West Virginia, could provide answers, although there are several players in front of him. Like the offense, these guys still have a lot to prove.

Specialists Shelton averaged nearly 200 yards in all-purpose yardage in only six games. He did much of that via kickoff returns. Teams will likely not let him touch the ball, if possible. Other than that, the Owls need to improve a whole lot across the board. Maybe that's why Golden has taken over these units. It has cost Temple too many opportunities before. Changes are mandatory.

Final Analysis Golden knew exactly what he was getting himself into when he took on one of the biggest messes in college football. It didn't always show on the field, but Golden got a lot of tangible stuff done behind the scenes in his first year on the job. Things that should make a difference down the road. As he put it, this team was "ridiculously young" in 2006. It won't be much older in 2007. The goal is to make a run at a conference title in '08.

But one thing does seem clear enough: The Owls, in another year or two, don't figure to remain a punch line. Golden looks like he has a clue. He appears to be bringing in better players. Now he has to coach them. The schedule is more favorable, which can't hurt. There may be a chance the Owls could win a few this year. Then again, maybe that's shooting too high, too soon. For a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1990, the horizon at least looks somewhat hopeful for a change.

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Coach Al Golden used 22 true freshmen last year. And, as Golden says, if "outcomes do not change," they may be using that many again.

Defense Eight starters return on this side of the ball, and 19 players have gameday experience. The Owls will employ a new 4-3 scheme, and are looking to use 22 guys each week. The emphasis is on pursuit and finishing plays.

The unit's strength might be up front. There's a nice combination of experience and youth to battle it out for the top eight spots in the rotation. Leyon Azubuike, Morris Blueford, Brian Sanford and Junior Galette on the outside, and Terrance Knighton, Andre Neblett and Philip Simpson on the inside, are

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC EAST PREDICTION

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Bruce Francis

Offense (6)

WR 82 Bruce Francis (Jr.)	18 Domerio Hamilton (Sr.)
WR 15 Dy'Onne Crudup (So.)	10 Delano Green (Fr.)
LT 71 Jabari Ferguson (Jr.)	73 Devin Tyler (So.)
LG 77 John Palumbo (Fr.)	54 Kevin Bennage (Fr.)
C 59 Alex Derenthal (Jr.)	67 Marcos Hanna (Jr.)
RG 75 Brison Manor (Jr.)	57 Darius Morris (So.)
RT 66 Andre Douglas (Jr.)	78 Charles Smith (Fr.)
TE 88 Kevin Armstrong (Jr.)	83 Marcus Brown (So.)
QB 12 Vaughn Charlton (So.)	13 Adam DiMichele (Jr.)
FB 39 Josh Bundy (Sr.)	31 Alex DiMichele (So.)
RB 34 Jason Harper (So.)	23 Jarred Kinney (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE 93 Leyon Azubuike (Jr.)	52 Brian Sanford (So.)
DE 92 Terrance Knighton (Jr.)	94 Philip Simpson (Jr.)
NT 98 Andre Neblett (So.)	55 Terrance Banks (So.)
DE 45 Morris Blueford (Fr.)	4 Junior Galette (So.)
SLB 11 Lamar McPherson (So.)	35 Seth Amoah (So.)
MLB 17 Omar McDonnaugh-Hales (So.)	53 Dave Chiavacci (So.)
WLB 38 Alex Joseph (So.)	6 Wallace Bates (Jr.)
CB 24 Tommie Williams (Jr.)	28 Evan Cooper Jr. (Jr.)
CB 9 Anthony Ferla (So.)	27 Jamal Schulters (Fr.)
SS 25 Richard Sheppard (Jr.)	1 Wilbert Brinson (So.)
FS 21 Dominique Harris (So.)	29 Georg Coleman (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 47 Jake Brownell (So.)	KR 22 Travis Shelton (Jr.)
P 47 Jake Brownell (So.)	PR 15 Dy'Onne Crudup (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Adam DiMichele, 220-135-1,518-12, 10 TDs

Rushing: Jason Harper, 47 car., 186 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Bruce Francis, 32 rec., 484 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Dominique Harris, 59, 34 solo

Sacks: Terrance Knighton, 3

Interceptions: Dominique Harris, 2; Georg Coleman, 2

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2007 SCHEDULE

A. 31 Navy	L
S. 8 Buffalo	*
S. 15 at Connecticut	L
S. 22 at Bowling Green	L
S. 29 at Army	L
O. 6 Northern Illinois	L
O. 13 at Akron	L
O. 20 Miami (OH)	L
N. 2 at Ohio	L
N. 10 Penn State	L
N. 17 Kent State	L
N. 24 at Western Michigan	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Buffalo	L 3-9
S. 9 Louisville	L 0-62
S. 16 at Minnesota	L 0-62
S. 23 at W. Michigan	L 7-41
S. 30 at Vanderbilt	L 14-43
O. 7 Kent State	L 17-28
O. 12 at Clemson	L 9-63
O. 21 at Northern Illinois	L 21-43
O. 28 Bowling Green	W 28-14
N. 4 C. Michigan	L 26-42
N. 11 at Penn State	L 0-47
N. 18 at Navy	L 6-42

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	10.9 ppg	116
Rushing	53.7 ypg	118
Passing	162.0 ypg	98
Total	215.7 ypg	119
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	41.3 ppg	118
Rushing	243.6 ypg	119
Passing	208.8 ypg	71
Total	452.4 ypg	117
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-9	-0.75	106

Head Coach: Al Golden

2006 Record: 1-11



EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MAC WEST PREDICTION

6

Offense The Eagles need some help on offense, because they spent last year trying to drive the ball down the field a few yards at a time. Eastern Michigan's two top rushers were quarterbacks Andy Schmitt and Tyler Jones, so there is a big need for someone to step up in the backfield. That could be senior Pierre Walker, who started five times last year before getting injured, but he isn't a workhorse type of back. A pile of candidates has formed behind him, with juniors Terrence Blevins and Dwayne Harrison on top.

Don't be surprised to see true freshman Dwayne Priest, from Fork Union Military Academy, get some carries early. He was one of the highlights of the Eagles' recruiting class.

Schmitt has good size and mobility, and he proved last season that he can be accurate. Now, he must improve his decision-making and get the Eagles into the end zone via the air. Jones had trouble with his reliability and could end up running the ball full-time at tailback.

There is a pile of receiving candidates, but none has a history of being able to get downfield. Schmitt will get them the ball, but whether they'll be able to do much with it is another story. The tight end position is pretty set, with Ken Bohnet and John Bonner, neither of whom is overwhelming, although each will catch a pass here and there.

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The Eagles ranked 12th in the MAC in both scoring offense and rushing defense, two big reasons for last year's 1-11 record.

The line is solid, although it does lose two stalwarts from 2006. There's experience on the left side, in the form of tackle T.J. Lang and guard Andy Fretz, each of whom was a full-time starter last year. Senior right guard Khalid Walton is the other returning guard.

Defense Eight starters return on defense, but EMU must get them to play better against the run. That begins up front, where standout end Kevin Howe is gone. But tackle Jason Jones has the ability to get into the backfield, and Eric Young showed potential last year at an end spot. This isn't a particularly hefty crew, so Eastern could still be vulnerable to opposing ground attacks.

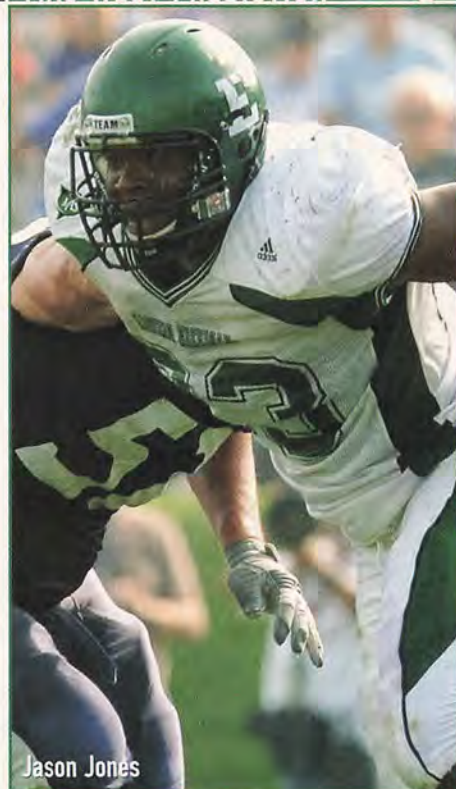
The linebacking corps is anchored by senior Darran Matthews, the strong-sider, and middle man Daniel Holtzclaw, both solid performers and two-year starters. Though sophomore Andre Hatchett (weak side) doesn't have the same résumé as his linebacker mates, he has plenty of potential.

And there is depth in the secondary, with safeties Chris May and Jacob Wyatt the top performers. The cornerback situation will depend on whether part-time '06 starters Duan Bracey and Blake Smith are able to work their way off the suspension list.

Specialists It was good news to see redshirt freshman Sean Dutcher make his two field goal tries during the spring game, because he must replace record-setting kicker Andrew Wellock. Sophomore punter Zach Johnson is steady and should be one of the league's best before long.

Final Analysis Since the Eagles lost six games by eight points or fewer last year, it's possible to consider their 1-11 record not so bad. But 11 losses are 11 losses, so EMU must get back on track by making some big plays on offense and tightening up the ground defense.

Eastern Michigan is not a candidate for the division title, but there is reason to think the Eagles will build back from last year's one-loss disappointment. Of course, a non-conference schedule that includes games against Michigan, Pittsburgh and Vanderbilt won't help. If the offense can get a little quicker, and the defense is tougher, the Eagles can turn some of those close losses into a few more wins.



Jason Jones

Offense (6)

WR 85 Trevor Hoover (So.)	15 Jacory Stone (So.)
WR 82 Nate Beard (So.)	2 Dontayo Gage (So.)
WR 3 Travis Lewis (Sr.)	87 Reggie Brown (Jr.)
LT 50 T.J. Lang (Jr.)	69 Chris Larkins (Jr.)
LG 60 Andy Fretz (So.)	64 Ross Peterson (So.)
C 73 Desi Mayner (Jr.)	78 Eric Davis (Fr.)
RG 63 Khalid Walton (Sr.)	58 Matt Keegan (Fr.)
RT 55 Stephen Johnson (So.)	65 Dan DeMaster (Fr.)
TE 16 Ken Bohnet (Sr.)	17 John Bonner (Jr.)
QB 7 Andy Schmitt (So.)	8 Tyler Jones (Jr.)
FB 36 Terrence Blevins (Jr.)	47 John Neely (Sr.)
TB 32 Pierre Walker (Sr.)	22 Dwayne Priest (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE 92 Eric Young (Sr.)	41 Spenser Smith (Jr.)
DT 83 Jason Jones (Sr.)	98 Alan Cozart (Jr.)
DT 91 Josh Hunt (Jr.)	90 Chris Radney (Fr.)
DE 11 Corey Riley (Jr.)	31 Corey Everson (So.)
SLB 42 Darran Matthews (Sr.)	9 Cortland Selman (Jr.)
MLB 44 Daniel Holtzclaw (Jr.)	29 Lorenzo Seaberry (So.)
WLB 54 Andre Hatchett (So.)	43 Chris Campa (So.)
CB 49 Julius Brown (Sr.)	30 Lyle Garrison (Jr.)
CB 34 Derrick Hunter (So.)	26 Zedrick Bryant (Jr.)
SS 21 Jacob Wyatt (Jr.)	10 Ryan Downard (Fr.)
FS 23 Chris May (So.)	25 Jermaine Jenkins (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 67 Sean Dutcher (Fr.)	KR 49 Julius Brown (Sr.)
P 33 Zach Johnson (So.)	PR 49 Julius Brown (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Andy Schmitt, 231-131-1, 182-6, 2 TDs
Rushing: Andy Schmitt, 107 car., 461 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Dontayo Gage, 28 rec., 169 yds, 0 TD
Tackles: Daniel Holtzclaw, 114, 39 solo
Interceptions: Three players tied with 2
Sacks: Jason Jones, 4

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Pittsburgh	L
S. 8 Ball State	L
S. 15 at Northern Illinois	L
S. 22 Howard	W
S. 29 at Vanderbilt	L
O. 6 at Michigan	L
O. 13 at Ohio	L
O. 20 #Northwestern	L
O. 27 Western Michigan	L
N. 3 at Toledo	L
N. 9 Bowling Green	L
N. 17 at Central Michigan	L
#Detroit, MI	

Games in bold represent swing games
 W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Ball State	L 20-38
S. 9 at Michigan State	L 20-52
S. 16 at Northwestern	L 6-14
S. 23 C. Michigan (ot)	L 17-24
S. 30 at UL Lafayette	L 14-33
O. 14 at Bowling Green	L 21-24
O. 21 Toledo	W 17-13
O. 28 at W. Michigan	L 15-18
N. 4 Ohio	L 10-16
N. 11 Navy	L 21-49
N. 17 at Kent State	L 6-14
N. 24 Northern Illinois	L 0-27

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	13.9 ppg	114
Rushing	105.8 ypg	98
Passing	170.5 ypg	90
Total	276.3 ypg	107
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.8 ppg	92
Rushing	201.3 ypg	116
Passing	187.0 ypg	39
Total	388.3 ypg	98
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	93

Head Coach: Jeff Genyk

2006 Record (MAC): 1-11 (1-7)



UTAH STATE

AGGIES

NATIONAL FORECAST

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WAC PREDICTION

9

Offense To say Utah State struggled on offense a year ago would be putting it kindly. The Aggies were downright bad. They did not score an offensive touchdown until the fifth game and ended up ranking near the bottom of Division I-A in most statistical categories. But with a new season comes optimism. Former North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey was hired as the new offensive coordinator in January.

The offense did lose starting quarterback Riley Nelson, who guided the team to its lone victory in 2006, to an LDS Church mission, but senior Leon Jackson III has proven he can play. Jackson has 14 starts under his belt, but lost his job to Nelson last season after throwing too many interceptions.

There are plenty of experienced targets for Jackson, beginning with all-conference wide receiver Kevin Robinson. Up to four tight ends could play, as coach Brent Guy calls it the most improved position after spring ball.

With Dickey in charge of the offense, there will be more emphasis on establishing the run. Aaron Lesue is a converted wide receiver, backed up by freshman Curtis Marsh. Guy says it will be "running back by committee" in the early going.

The offensive line is as big and physical as it's been under Guy. Ryan Tonnemacher has been moved to center, while Shawn Murphy moved from tackle to guard. Pace Jorgensen has 27 career starts at the other guard.

5 Quarterback Leon Jackson III threw seven interceptions and only three touchdowns, and five of his interceptions were returned for a score.

Defense With eight starters back, plus several other players with starting experience, big things are expected from this unit.

The front will still be undersized but has the

most experience. Guy is excited about his ends, including second-team All-WAC pick Ben Calderwood.

While the front is older, the linebacking corps could end up being the most talented ever at USU. The Aggies are two-deep at all three positions with no drop-off. Jake Hutton is back from a foot injury to anchor the middle, while WAC Freshman of the Year Paul Igboeli and two-year starter Devon Hall will flank Hutton. Junior college transfer Deshon Benton drew praise throughout spring. Derrick Cumbee and Daryl Fields both started at least five games last year.

The secondary is led by senior safety Antonio Taylor, who led the team in tackles last season. Several banged-up cornerbacks are back, including Josh Taylor and Marquise Charles, which should help.

Specialists With Robinson back for his senior season, the return duties are in safe hands. Jackson has proved he can punt if needed and probably will start off doing so. The placekicking has been questionable at best the past two seasons, but that should change with Peter Caldwell joining the team. The high school standout will be counted on and could end up punting as well.

Final Analysis There is only one way to go for the Aggies, who lost a school-record 11 games and ranked ranked near the bottom of Division I-A in total offense (114th) and defense (116th) in 2006. Entering his third year as head coach, Guy believes some of the pieces are starting to come together as 14 starters return, including eight on defense.

However, a tough schedule awaits once again. One game shouldn't make or break a season, but the opener against UNLV at home is vital. Starting this campaign off on the right foot is crucial, especially with September road games at Wyoming, Oklahoma and Utah to round out the non-conference part of the schedule.



Kevin Robinson

Offense (6)

WR	6 Kevin Robinson (Sr.)	81 Nnamdi Gwacham (So.)
WR	14 Otis Nelson (Jr.)	17 Xavier Bowman (So.)
WR	85 Omar Sawyer (So.)	83 Tony Harkey (Fr.)
LT	78 Spencer Johnson (Fr.)	62 Mike Green (Sr.)
LG	74 Shawn Murphy (Sr.)	72 Travis Stott (Fr.)
C	56 Ryan Tonnemacher (Jr.)	70 Zac Zimmerman (So.)
RG	63 Pace Jorgensen (Sr.)	66 Gregg Clark (Jr.)
RT	77 Derek Hoke (Jr.)	61 Brennan McFadden (So.)
TE	84 Will Fausel (Sr.)	86 Rob Myers (Jr.)
QB	7 Leon Jackson III (Sr.)	10 Sean Setzer (Jr.)
TB	1 Aaron Lesue (Sr.)	27 Curtis Marsh (Fr.)

Defense (8)

LE	49 Carl Singleton (Sr.)	90 Jon Overton (So.)
DT	57 Frank Maile (Sr.)	96 Alan Bishop (So.)
DT	93 Ben Childs (Sr.)	79 E.J. Reid (Sr.)
RE	58 Ben Calderwood (Jr.)	46 Darby Golden (So.)
SLB	31 Paul Igboeli (So.)	47 Daryl Fields (Jr.)
MLB	19 Jake Hutton (Jr.)	40 Derrick Cumbee (Jr.)
WLB	45 Devon Hall (Jr.)	44 Deshon Benton (Jr.)
CB	9 Kejon Murphy (So.)	18 Maurice Bates (Fr.)
CB	3 Marquise Charles (Jr.)	23 Josh Taylor (Jr.)
FS	24 Antonio Taylor (Sr.)	26 James Brindley (So.)
SS	39 Caleb Taylor (Jr.)	1 Roy Hurst (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	Peter Caldwell (Fr.)	KR	6 Kevin Robinson (Sr.)
P	7 Leon Jackson III	PR	6 Kevin Robinson (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Leon Jackson III, 150-73-694-7, 3 TDs
Rushing: Leon Jackson III, 56 car., 105 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Kevin Robinson, 36 rec., 582 yds., 5 TDs
Tackles: Antonio Taylor, 74, 43 solo
Sacks: Paul Igboeli, 3
Interceptions: Caleb Taylor, 2 for 10 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 UNLV	L
S. 8 at Wyoming	L
S. 15 at Oklahoma	L
S. 22 San Jose State	L
S. 29 at Utah	L
O. 6 at Hawaii	L
O. 20 Nevada	L
O. 27 Louisiana Tech	*
N. 3 at Fresno State	L
N. 10 Boise State	L
N. 17 at New Mexico State	L
N. 24 at Idaho	*

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2006 RESULTS

S. 2 at Wyoming	L	7-38
S. 9 at Arkansas	L	0-20
S. 16 Utah	L	0-48
S. 23 at BYU	L	0-38
S. 30 Idaho	L	21-41
O. 7 Fresno State	W	13-12
O. 14 at San Jose State	L	14-21
O. 21 at Louisiana Tech	L	35-48
N. 4 Hawaii	L	10-63
N. 11 at Nevada	L	0-42
N. 18 at Boise State	L	10-49
N. 25 New Mexico State	L	20-42

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	10.8 ppg	117
Rushing	114.8 ypg	87
Passing	139.7 ypg	111
Total	254.4 ypg	114
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	38.5 ppg	117
Rushing	186.3 ypg	111
Passing	249.8 ypg	112
Total	436.0 ypg	116
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-6	-0.50	93

Head Coach: Brent Guy

2006 Record (WAC): 1-11 (1-7)



BUFFALO BULLS

NATIONAL FORECAST
MAC EAST PREDICTION

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Offense Don't read too much into Turner Gill's taking over the playcalling duties. There will be some tweaking to his multiple offense, but nothing unusual. Junior Drew Willy is a two-year starter at quarterback, but sophomore Naaman Roosevelt received a long look during spring ball. Roosevelt, who moves over from wide receiver, is more mobile but lacks the arm strength of Willy. Still, Roosevelt could overtake Willy during training camp or early in the season.

Buffalo fans can assume sophomore tailback James Starks will pick up where he left off as a freshman. Starks averaged 4.0 yards per carry en route to a 704-yard season. His workload won't be as heavy this time around with Da'Von McClune, Brandon Thermilus and Mario Henry adding depth to the backfield. Thermilus, the son of former NFL running back Alonzo Highsmith, is loaded with potential but is coming off a knee injury that forced him to miss the spring.

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Buffalo gave up a combined 114 points in its losses to Auburn, Boston College and Wisconsin.

Starks will run behind a solid offensive line that includes four returning starters, including All-MAC candidates in center Jamey Richard and right guard Jeff Niedermier.

Now that Roosevelt has moved to quarterback, Buffalo will need big contributions at wide receiver from Terrance Breaux, Ernest Jackson and Brett Hamlin.

Defense Maturation on the line is the defense's biggest asset. Last year, the Bulls were working with four new starters, including a converted right end. Now, three starters return. Heading the group is end Trevor Scott, who proved to be the unit's best player. Chris Callahan emerged from camp as the other end, while the

tackle rotation will include James Judges (formerly an end), Dane Robinson and Ronald Hilaire.

The secondary is the most experienced unit with everyone returning. Kareem Byrom returns at safety but could be moved to linebacker, where he started for the injured Ramon Guzman late in the season. Kendric Hawkins and Andre Evans will be the corners, though 2006 starter Sherrod Lott will be in the mix, as well. Mike Newton could blossom into one of the better strong safeties in the conference.

The Bulls lost the glue to their defense in Guzman and Jeff Bublati, although Ollice Ervin, who was second on the team in tackles, returns on the weak side. Jamal Chisam will anchor the middle, while Larry Hutchinson handles the strong side. Byrom, who played well in the absence of Guzman for four games, could figure into the mix if he doesn't start at strong safety.

Specialists Senior punter Ben Woods is entering his fourth year as the starter and already owns every school record. With the graduation of Adam Tanalski and the departure of Taylor Packwood, junior Gerry McGroarty, who missed all of last season with an ankle injury, takes over the placekicking duties. If Roosevelt catches on at quarterback, Gill will have to look elsewhere for a return man.

Final Analysis The honeymoon didn't last long for Gill and his staff. Hopes were high after opening the season with an overtime win over Temple, but the Bulls struggled through a 2-10 record that featured only one win in MAC play.

Yes, 16 starters return, and that's enough to create optimism in most programs. But the talent level at Buffalo remains below mediocre, which means there won't be any significant changes in the win column. A brutal schedule that features four of the first five games on the road won't help.



James Starks

Offense (8)

WR	88 Brett Hamlin (Jr.)	3 Alex Pierre (So.)
WR	21 Ernest Jackson (Jr.)	24 Terrance Breaux (Sr.)
LT	70 Ray Norell (Jr.)	67 Jon Burgio (Sr.)
LG	57 Jon Geddes (Jr.)	73 Peter Bittner (Fr.)
C	71 Jamey Richard (Sr.)	79 Chris Lauzze (Jr.)
RG	75 Jeff Niedermier (Jr.)	76 Matt Bacoulis (So.)
RT	78 Jordan Jerrold (So.)	72 Andrew West (So.)
TE	82 Jesse Rack (So.)	45 Robert Yealu (Jr.)
QB	16 Drew Willy (Jr.)	18 Naaman Roosevelt (So.)
FB	32 Chris Scharon (Jr.)	42 Kyle Brey (Fr.)
RB	19 James Starks (So.)	28 Mario Henry (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	89 Trevor Scott (Sr.)	90 Bruno Lapointe (So.)
DT	91 James Judges (Sr.)	95 Ronald Hilaire (Jr.)
DT	92 Dane Robinson (So.)	74 Anel Montanez (So.)
DE	48 Chris Callahan (Jr.)	52 Tom Drewes (So.)
OLB	6 Ollice Ervin (Sr.)	44 David Hubbard (Jr.)
ILB	4 Jamal Chisam (Jr.)	47 Todd Robertson (Sr.)
OLB	46 Larry Hutchinson (Sr.)	54 Adekunle Akingba (Jr.)
CB	12 Kendric Hawkins (So.)	17 Keon Perry (Jr.)
CB	11 Andre Evans (Jr.)	22 Sherrod Lott (So.)
FS	20 Kareem Byrom (Sr.)	43 Chris Storr (So.)
SS	30 Mike Newton (So.)	29 Ronald Sears (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	10 Gerry McGroarty (Jr.)	KR	18 Naaman Roosevelt (So.)
P	8 Ben Woods (Sr.)	PR	18 Naaman Roosevelt (So.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Drew Willy, 231-138-1,391-6, 6 TDs
Rushing: James Starks, 175 car., 704 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: James Starks, 34 rec., 226 yds., 0 TD
Tackles: Ollice Ervin, 96, 44 solo
Sacks: Trevor Scott, 9
Interceptions: Mike Newton, 5 for 108 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

2007 SCHEDULE

A. 30 at Rutgers	L
S. 8 at Temple	*
S. 15 at Penn State	L
S. 22 Baylor	L
S. 29 at Ball State	L
O. 6 Ohio	L
O. 13 Toledo	L
O. 20 at Syracuse	L
O. 27 Akron	L
N. 3 at Miami (Ohio)	L
N. 17 Bowling Green	L
N. 24 at Kent State	L

Games in bold represent swing games
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 RESULTS

A. 31 Temple	(ot) W	9-3
S. 9 at Bowling Green	(ot) L	40-48
S. 16 at Northern Illinois	L	13-31
S. 23 at Auburn	L	7-38
O. 7 Ball State	L	25-55
O. 14 Miami (Ohio)	L	31-38
O. 21 at Ohio	L	7-42
O. 28 at Boston College	L	0-41
N. 4 Kent State	W	41-14
N. 9 at Akron	L	16-31
N. 18 at Wisconsin	L	3-35
N. 24 Central Michigan	L	28-55

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	18.3 ppg	98
Rushing	90.2 ypg	107
Passing	178.0 ypg	86
Total	268.2 ypg	109
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	35.9 ppg	116
Rushing	184.8 ypg	109
Passing	205.6 ypg	66
Total	390.4 ypg	100
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-4	-0.33	82

Head Coach: Turner Gill

2006 Record (MAC): 2-10 (1-7)



FIU

GOLDEN PANTHERS

NATIONAL FORECAST

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SUN BELT PREDICTION

8

Offense The first priority for new head coach Mario Cristobal is infusing life into a moribund offense. The Golden Panthers want to be diverse under coordinator James Coley, but they're breaking in a new quarterback and a coltish stable of wide receivers.

Replacing four-year starting quarterback Josh Padrick could fall to sophomore Paul McCall, the only Golden Panther who's thrown a pass in college. With a new staff, redshirt freshmen John Paul Fraites and Wayne Younger are back to the base of the learning curve. That could open the door for true freshmen Colt Anderson or Bryan Mann to challenge McCall.

Juniors A'mod Ned and Julian Reams shared feature-back responsibilities last fall, but their cumulative impact was nominal. If Ned and Reams fail to produce, look for sophomore Chance Attaway or redshirt frosh Devon Freeman to punch in. Freeman could be a star in the making.

Wideouts Ashlyn Parker, a full-time starter as a freshman, and Jeremy Dickens are the primary downfield threats, and freshman Marquis Rolle, who was offered by Miami, should crack the two-deep immediately.

An old tackle like Cristobal isn't going to be fooled by the fact that FIU returns five regulars along the front. Two of them, left tackle Andy Leavine and guard Joe Alajajian, were freshmen last fall; a third, guard Jeff Eugene, was FIU's first-ever junior college transfer.

9.58

FIU averaged a Division I-A-worst 9.58 points per game in 2006, scoring only five offensive TDs in its last nine games.

Defense The Golden Panthers led the Sun Belt in total defense and the nation in tackles for a loss last season, but three of the mainstays — conference Player of the Year Keyonvis Bouie,

Alex Bostic and James Black — graduated from the linebacker unit. Wendy Napoleon must emerge as the leader of a revamped group.

No one man can compensate for defensive end Antwan Barnes' 22.5 tackles for a loss from a year ago, but three D-line returnees — junior end Reginald Jones, junior tackle Jarvis Penerton and senior tackle Roland Clarke — will try. Jones and Penerton each notched better than 20 tackles last season, which is something to build upon.

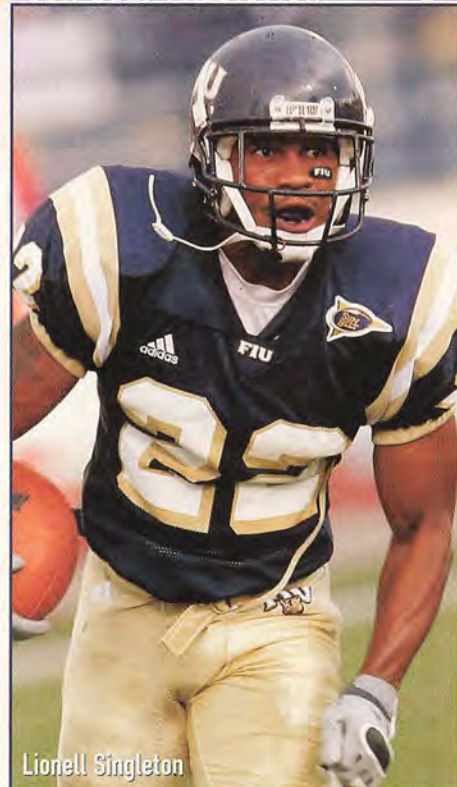
In terms of playmaking ability, the secondary is FIU's best defensive hope. Senior cornerback Lionell Singleton's five interceptions tied for second most in the Sun Belt last season; he is supported by junior Robert Mitchell at the other corner. Another veteran, junior Jeremiah Weatherspoon, ranked fifth on the team with 50 tackles from the free safety spot. Senior Cory Fleming or junior Jeremiah Flood projects as the starting strong safety.

Specialists Singleton ranked third in the nation last year returning kicks, averaging 29.5 yards on his 12 attempts. Dustin Rivest and Chris Cook will have to fend off challengers at placekicker and punter, respectively.

Final Analysis The Golden Panthers would best forget a winless 2006 season scarred by a despicable brawl with Miami that resulted in the suspension of 18 FIU players.

Until the Miami debacle, FIU's attacking defense was solely responsible for keeping the team in several games against high-caliber opponents like South Florida and Maryland last season. That unit couldn't sustain under the crush of post-brawl suspensions, but it again will be instrumental if Cristobal is to taste any success in his first year as head coach.

Barring another bizarre mass-suspension scenario, the Golden Panthers shouldn't go 0-12 again, but they'll have to resist chindropping after starting this season with Penn State, Maryland and Miami.



Lionell Singleton

Offense (8)

WR 11 Ashlyn Parker (So.)	83 J. Houston Whiddon (So.)
WR 5 Jeremy Dickens (So.)	Marquis Rolle (Fr.)
LT 58 Andy Leavine (So.)	Ernest Goodley (Fr.)
LG 68 Jeffrey Eugene (Sr.)	74 Mike Alvarez (Sr.)
C 55 Xavier Shannon (Jr.)	51 Danny Muy (So.)
RG 50 Joe Alajajian (So.)	69 Alex Szima (So.)
RT 78 Dustin Gibson (Jr.)	77 Javon Hill (Fr.)
TE 89 Moses Hinton (Jr.)	86 Joëy Myers (Fr.)
QB 12 Paul McCall (So.)	10 John Paul Fraites (Fr.)
FB 27 John Ellis (So.)	28 Chance Attaway (So.)
RB 3 A'mod Ned (Jr.)	32 Julian Reams (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE 98 Reginald Jones (Jr.)	Ricky Booker (Fr.)
NG 99 Roland Clarke (Sr.)	92 Jonas Murrell (Jr.)
DT 96 Jarvis Penerton (Jr.)	94 Jonathan Betancourt (Jr.)
DE 93 Audric Adger (Sr.)	Bryan Frye (Fr.)
SLB 56 Wendy Napoleon (So.)	47 Mannie Wellington (So.)
MLB 53 Michael Dominguez (So.)	49 Tyler Clawson (So.)
WLB 44 Scott Bryant (So.)	33 Matt Garrix (So.)
CB 22 Lionell Singleton (Sr.)	6 Malik Jones (Jr.)
CB 17 Robert Mitchell (Jr.)	29 Dezariah Johnson (So.)
SS 30 Cory Fleming (Sr.)	38 Jeremiah Flood (Jr.)
FS 13 Jeremiah Weatherspoon (Jr.)	Devin Parrish (Fr.)

Special Teams

K 40 Dustin Rivest (So.)	KR 22 Lionell Singleton (Sr.)
P 41 Chris Cook (So.)	PR 22 Lionell Singleton (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Paul McCall, 18-7-101-1, 0 TDs
Rushing: A'mod Ned, 94 car., 445 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Ashlyn Parker, 23 rec., 231 yds., 0 TDs
Tackles: Jeremiah Weatherspoon, 50, 29 solo
Sacks: Jarvis Penerton, 2
Interceptions: Lionell Singleton, 5 for 59 yds.

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Florida International SD

2007 SCHEDULE

S. 1 at Penn State	L
S. 8 Maryland	L
S. 15 at Miami	L
S. 22 at Kansas	L
S. 29 at Middle Tennessee	L
O. 6 Troy	L
O. 20 at UL Monroe	L
O. 27 at Arkansas	L
N. 3 at Arkansas State	L
N. 17 UL Lafayette	L
N. 24 Florida Atlantic	L
D. 1 North Texas	L

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2006 RESULTS

A. 31 at Middle Tennessee	L 6-7
S. 9 at South Florida	L 20-21
S. 16 Bowling Green	L 28-33
S. 23 at Maryland	L 10-14
S. 30 Arkansas State	L 6-31
O. 7 at North Texas (Tot)	L 22-25
O. 14 at Miami	L 0-35
O. 28 at Alabama	L 3-38
N. 11 UL Monroe	L 0-35
N. 18 UL Lafayette	L 7-17
N. 25 at Florida Atlantic	L 0-31
D. 2 Troy	L 13-26

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	9.6 ppg	119
Rushing	56.8 ypg	117
Passing	176.3 ypg	87
Total	233.1 ypg	116
Defense	Per Game	Rank
Scoring	26.1 ppg	87
Rushing	153.3 ypg	88
Passing	147.7 ypg	4
Total	300.9 ypg	28
TO Margin	Per Game	Rank
-9	-0.75	106

Head Coach: Mario Cristobal

2006 Record (Sun Belt): 0-12 (0-7)

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PRESENTS

2007 COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

ACC

BOSTON COLLEGE (10-3)

Chestnut Hill, MA
S. 1 Wake Forest
S. 8 NC State
S. 15 at Georgia Tech
S. 22 Army
S. 29 Massachusetts
O. 6 Bowling Green
O. 13 at Notre Dame
O. 25 at Virginia Tech
N. 3 Florida State
N. 10 at Maryland
N. 17 at Clemson
N. 24 Miami

CLEMSON (8-5)

Clemson, SC
S. 3 Florida State
S. 8 UL Monroe
S. 15 Furman
S. 22 at NC State
S. 29 at Georgia Tech
O. 6 Virginia Tech
O. 20 Central Michigan
O. 27 at Maryland
N. 3 at Duke
N. 10 Wake Forest
N. 17 Boston College
N. 24 at South Carolina

DUKE (10-12)

Durham, NC
S. 1 Connecticut
S. 8 at Virginia
S. 15 at Northwestern
S. 22 at Navy
S. 29 at Miami
O. 6 Wake Forest
O. 13 Virginia Tech
O. 27 at Florida State
N. 3 Clemson
N. 10 Georgia Tech
N. 17 at Notre Dame
N. 24 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (7-6)

Tallahassee, FL
S. 3 at Clemson
S. 8 UAB
S. 15 at Colorado
S. 29 #Alabama
O. 6 NC State
O. 11 at Wake Forest
O. 20 Miami
O. 27 Duke
N. 3 at Boston College
N. 10 at Virginia Tech
N. 17 Maryland
N. 24 at Florida
#Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA TECH (9-5)

Atlanta, GA
S. 1 at Notre Dame
S. 8 Samford
S. 15 Boston College
S. 22 at Virginia
S. 29 Clemson
O. 6 at Maryland
O. 13 at Miami
O. 20 Army
N. 1 Virginia Tech
N. 10 at Duke
N. 17 North Carolina
N. 24 Georgia

MARYLAND (9-4)

College Park, MD
S. 1 Villanova
S. 8 at Florida International
S. 13 West Virginia
S. 22 at Wake Forest
S. 29 at Rutgers
O. 6 Georgia Tech
O. 20 Virginia
O. 27 Clemson
N. 3 at North Carolina
N. 10 Boston College
N. 17 at Florida State
N. 24 at NC State

MIAMI (7-6)

Coral Gables, FL
S. 1 Marshall
S. 8 at Oklahoma
S. 15 Florida International
S. 20 Texas A&M
S. 29 Duke
O. 6 at North Carolina
O. 13 Georgia Tech
O. 20 at Florida State
N. 3 NC State
N. 10 Virginia
N. 17 at Virginia Tech
N. 24 at Boston College

NORTH CAROLINA (3-9)

Chapel Hill, NC
S. 1 James Madison
S. 8 at East Carolina
S. 15 Virginia
S. 22 at South Florida
S. 29 at Virginia Tech
O. 6 Miami
O. 13 South Carolina
O. 27 at Wake Forest
N. 3 Maryland
N. 10 at NC State
N. 17 at Georgia Tech
N. 24 Duke

NC STATE (3-9)

Raleigh, NC
S. 1 UCF
S. 8 at Boston College
S. 15 Wofford
S. 22 Clemson
S. 29 Louisville
O. 6 at Florida State
O. 20 at East Carolina
O. 27 Virginia
N. 3 at Miami
N. 10 North Carolina
N. 17 at Wake Forest
N. 24 Maryland

VIRGINIA (5-7)

Charlottesville, VA
S. 1 at Wyoming
S. 8 Duke
S. 15 at North Carolina
S. 22 Georgia Tech
S. 29 Pittsburgh
O. 6 at Middle Tennessee
O. 13 Connecticut
O. 20 at Maryland
O. 27 at NC State
N. 3 Wake Forest
N. 10 at Miami
N. 24 Virginia Tech

VIRGINIA TECH (10-3)

Blacksburg, VA
S. 1 East Carolina
S. 8 at LSU
S. 15 Ohio
S. 22 William & Mary
S. 29 North Carolina
O. 6 at Clemson
O. 13 at Duke
O. 25 Boston College
N. 1 at Georgia Tech
N. 10 Florida State
N. 17 Miami
N. 24 at Virginia

WAKE FOREST (11-3)

Winston-Salem, NC
S. 1 at Boston College
S. 8 Nebraska
S. 15 Army
S. 22 Maryland
O. 6 at Duke
O. 11 Florida State
O. 20 at Navy
O. 27 North Carolina
N. 3 at Virginia
N. 10 at Clemson
N. 17 NC State
N. 24 at Vanderbilt

BIG EAST

CINCINNATI (8-5)

Cincinnati, OH
A. 30 SE Missouri State
S. 6 Oregon State
S. 15 at Miami (OH)
S. 22 Marshall
S. 29 at San Diego State
O. 6 at Rutgers
O. 13 Louisville
O. 20 at Pittsburgh
N. 3 at South Florida
N. 10 Connecticut
N. 17 West Virginia
N. 24 Syracuse

CONNECTICUT (4-8)

Storrs, CT
S. 1 at Duke
S. 8 Maine
S. 15 Temple
S. 22 at Pittsburgh
S. 29 Akron
O. 13 at Virginia
O. 20 Louisville
O. 27 South Florida
N. 3 Rutgers
N. 10 at Cincinnati
N. 17 Syracuse
N. 24 at West Virginia

LOUISVILLE (12-1)

Louisville, KY
A. 30 Murray State
S. 6 Middle Tennessee
S. 15 at Kentucky
S. 22 Syracuse
S. 29 at NC State
O. 5 Utah
O. 13 at Cincinnati
O. 20 at Connecticut
O. 27 Pittsburgh
N. 8 at West Virginia
N. 17 at South Florida
N. 29 Rutgers

PITTSBURGH (6-6)

Pittsburgh, PA
S. 1 Eastern Michigan
S. 8 Grambling
S. 15 at Michigan State
S. 22 Connecticut
S. 29 at Virginia
O. 13 Navy
O. 20 Cincinnati
O. 27 at Louisville
N. 3 Syracuse
N. 17 at Rutgers
N. 24 South Florida
D. 1 at West Virginia

RUTGERS (11-2)

New Brunswick, NJ
A. 30 Buffalo
S. 7 Navy
S. 15 Norfolk State
S. 29 Maryland
O. 6 Cincinnati
O. 13 at Syracuse
O. 18 South Florida
O. 27 West Virginia
N. 3 at Connecticut
N. 9 at Army
N. 17 Pittsburgh
N. 29 at Louisville

SOUTH FLORIDA (9-4)

Tampa, FL
S. 1 Elon
S. 8 at Auburn
S. 22 North Carolina
S. 29 West Virginia
O. 6 at Florida Atlantic
O. 13 UCF
O. 18 at Rutgers
O. 27 at Connecticut
N. 3 Cincinnati
N. 10 at Syracuse
N. 17 Louisville
N. 24 at Pittsburgh

SYRACUSE (4-8)

Syracuse, NY
A. 31 Washington
S. 8 at Iowa
S. 15 Illinois
S. 22 at Louisville
S. 29 at Miami (OH)
O. 6 West Virginia
O. 13 Rutgers
O. 20 Buffalo
N. 3 at Pittsburgh
N. 10 South Florida
N. 17 at Connecticut
N. 24 Cincinnati

WEST VIRGINIA (11-2)

Morgantown, WV
S. 1 Western Michigan
S. 8 at Marshall
S. 13 at Maryland
S. 22 East Carolina
S. 29 at South Florida
O. 6 at Syracuse
O. 20 Mississippi State
O. 27 at Rutgers
N. 8 Louisville
N. 17 at Cincinnati
N. 24 Connecticut
D. 1 Pittsburgh

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS (2-10)

Champaign, IL
S. 1 #Missouri
S. 8 Western Illinois
S. 15 at Syracuse
S. 22 at Indiana
S. 29 Penn State
O. 6 Wisconsin
O. 13 at Iowa
O. 20 Michigan
O. 27 Ball State
N. 3 at Minnesota
N. 10 at Ohio State
N. 17 Northwestern
#St. Louis, MO

INDIANA (5-7)

Bloomington, IN
S. 1 Indiana State
S. 8 at Western Michigan
S. 15 Akron
S. 22 Illinois
S. 29 at Iowa
O. 6 Minnesota
O. 13 at Michigan State
O. 20 Penn State
O. 27 at Wisconsin
N. 3 Ball State
N. 10 at Northwestern
N. 17 Purdue

IOWA (6-7)

Iowa City, IA
S. 1 #Northern Illinois
S. 8 Syracuse
S. 15 at Iowa State
S. 22 at Wisconsin
S. 29 Indiana
O. 6 at Penn State
O. 13 Illinois
O. 20 at Purdue
O. 27 Michigan State
N. 3 at Northwestern
N. 10 Minnesota
N. 17 Western Michigan
#Chicago, IL

MICHIGAN (11-2)

Ann Arbor, MI
S. 1 Appalachian State
S. 8 Oregon
S. 15 Notre Dame
S. 22 Penn State
S. 29 at Northwestern
O. 6 Eastern Michigan
O. 13 Purdue
O. 20 at Illinois
O. 27 Minnesota
N. 3 at Michigan State
N. 10 at Wisconsin
N. 17 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (4-8)

East Lansing, MI
S. 1 UAB
S. 8 Bowling Green
S. 15 Pittsburgh
S. 22 at Notre Dame
S. 29 at Wisconsin
O. 6 Northwestern
O. 13 Indiana
O. 20 at Ohio State
O. 27 at Iowa
N. 3 Michigan
N. 10 at Purdue
N. 17 Penn State

MINNESOTA (6-7)

Minneapolis, MN
S. 1 Bowling Green
S. 8 Miami (OH)
S. 15 #Florida Atlantic
S. 22 Purdue
S. 29 Ohio State
O. 6 at Indiana
O. 13 at Northwestern
O. 20 North Dakota State
O. 27 at Michigan
N. 3 Illinois
N. 10 at Iowa
N. 17 Wisconsin
#Miami, FL

NORTHWESTERN (4-8)

Evanston, IL
S. 1 Northeastern
S. 8 Nevada
S. 15 Duke
S. 22 at Ohio State
S. 29 Michigan
O. 6 at Michigan State
O. 13 Minnesota
O. 20 #Eastern Michigan
O. 27 at Purdue
N. 3 Iowa
N. 10 Indiana
N. 17 at Illinois
#Detroit, MI

OHIO STATE (12-1)

Columbus, OH
S. 1 Youngstown State
S. 8 Akron
S. 15 at Washington
S. 22 Northwestern
S. 29 at Minnesota
O. 6 at Purdue
O. 13 Kent State
O. 20 Michigan State
O. 27 at Penn State
N. 3 Wisconsin
N. 10 Illinois
N. 17 at Michigan

PENN STATE (9-4)

University Park, PA
S. 1 Florida International
S. 8 Notre Dame
S. 15 Buffalo
S. 22 at Michigan
S. 29 at Illinois
O. 6 Iowa
O. 13 Wisconsin
O. 20 at Indiana
O. 27 Ohio State
N. 3 Purdue
N. 10 at Temple
N. 17 at Michigan State

PURDUE (8-6)

West Lafayette, IN
S. 1 at Toledo
S. 8 Eastern Illinois
S. 15 Central Michigan
S. 22 at Minnesota
S. 29 Notre Dame
O. 6 Ohio State
O. 13 at Michigan
O. 20 Iowa
O. 27 Northwestern
N. 3 at Penn State
N. 10 Michigan State
N. 17 at Indiana

WISCONSIN (12-1)

Madison, WI
S. 1 Washington State
S. 8 at UNLV
S. 15 The Citadel
S. 22 Iowa
S. 29 Michigan State
O. 6 at Illinois
O. 13 at Penn State
O. 20 Northern Illinois
O. 27 Indiana
N. 3 at Ohio State
N. 10 Michigan
N. 17 at Minnesota

BIG 12

BAYLOR (4-8)

Waco, TX
S. 1 at TCU
S. 8 Rice
S. 15 Texas State
S. 22 at Buffalo
S. 29 at Texas A&M
O. 6 Colorado
O. 13 at Kansas
O. 20 Texas
O. 27 at Kansas State
N. 3 Texas Tech
N. 10 at Oklahoma
N. 17 Oklahoma State

COLORADO (2-10)

Boulder, CO
S. 1 Colorado State
S. 8 at Arizona State
S. 15 Florida State
S. 22 Miami (OH)
S. 29 Oklahoma
O. 6 at Baylor
O. 13 at Kansas State
O. 20 Kansas
O. 27 at Texas Tech
N. 3 Missouri
N. 10 at Iowa State
N. 23 Nebraska
#Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (4-8)

Ames, IA
A. 30 Kent State
S. 8 Northern Iowa
S. 15 Iowa
S. 22 at Toledo
S. 29 at Nebraska
O. 6 at Texas Tech
O. 13 Texas
O. 20 Oklahoma
O. 27 at Missouri
N. 3 Kansas State
N. 10 Colorado
N. 17 at Kansas

KANSAS (6-6)

Lawrence, KS
S. 1 Central Michigan
S. 8 SE Louisiana
S. 15 Toledo
S. 22 Florida International
O. 6 at Kansas State
O. 13 Baylor
O. 20 at Colorado
O. 27 at Texas A&M
N. 3 Nebraska
N. 10 at Oklahoma State
N. 17 Iowa State
N. 24 #Missouri
#Kansas City, MO

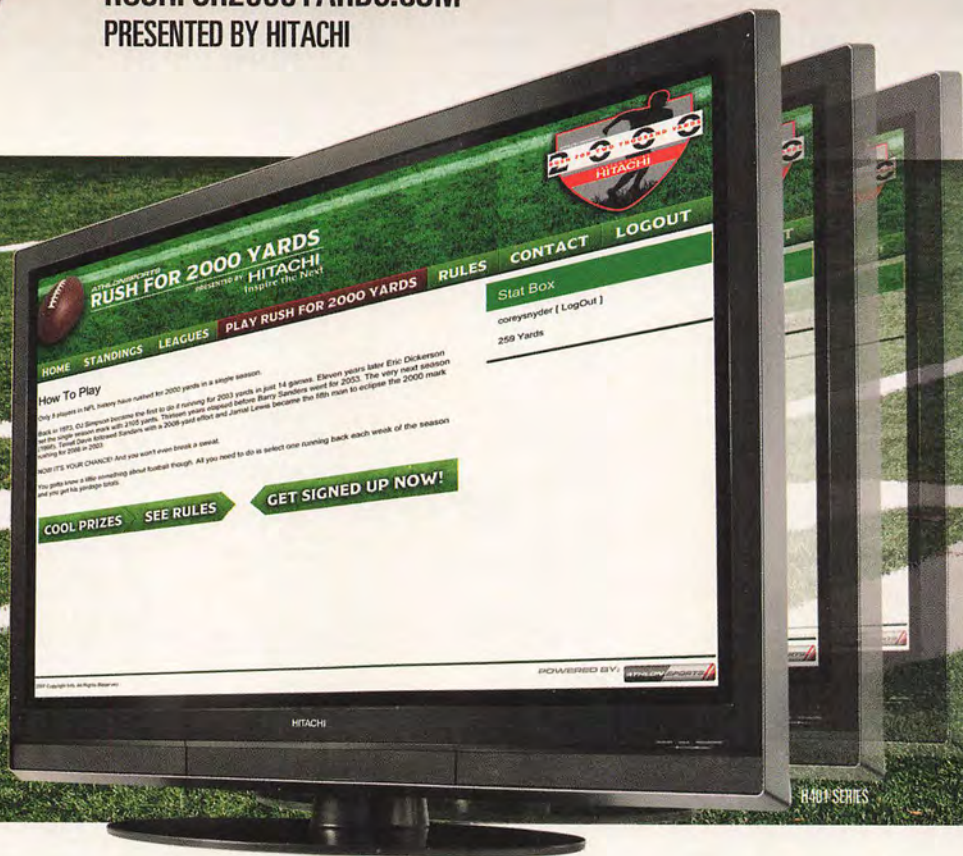
KANSAS STATE (7-6)

Manhattan, KS
S. 1 at Auburn
S. 8 San Jose State
S. 15 Missouri State
S. 29 at Texas
O. 6 Kansas
O. 13 Colorado
O. 20 at Oklahoma State
O. 27 Baylor
N. 3 at Iowa State
N. 10 at Nebraska
N. 17 Missouri
N. 24 at Fresno State



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MISSOURI (8-5)

Columbia, MO
S. 1 #Illinois
S. 8 at Ole Miss
S. 15 Western Michigan
S. 22 Illinois State
O. 6 Nebraska
O. 13 at Oklahoma
O. 20 Texas Tech
O. 27 Iowa State
N. 3 at Colorado
N. 10 Texas A&M
N. 17 at Kansas State
N. 24 %Kansas
#St. Louis, MO
%Kansas City, MO

NEBRASKA (9-5)

Lincoln, NE
S. 1 Nevada
S. 8 at Wake Forest
S. 15 USC
S. 22 Ball State
S. 29 Iowa State
O. 6 at Missouri
O. 13 Oklahoma State
O. 20 Texas A&M
O. 27 at Texas
N. 3 at Kansas
N. 10 Kansas State
N. 23 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (11-3)

Norman, OK
S. 1 North Texas
S. 8 Miami
S. 15 Utah State
S. 21 at Tulsa
S. 29 at Colorado
O. 6 #Texas
O. 13 Missouri
O. 20 at Iowa State
O. 27 Oklahoma State
N. 3 Texas A&M
N. 10 Baylor
N. 17 at Texas Tech
#Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (7-6)

Stillwater, OK
S. 1 at Georgia
S. 8 Florida Atlantic
S. 14 at Troy
S. 22 Texas Tech
S. 29 Sam Houston State
O. 6 at Texas A&M
O. 13 at Nebraska
O. 20 Kansas State
O. 27 at Oklahoma
N. 3 Texas
N. 10 Kansas
N. 17 at Baylor

TEXAS (10-3)

Austin, TX
S. 1 Arkansas State
S. 8 TCU
S. 15 at UCF
S. 22 Rice
S. 29 Kansas State
O. 6 #Oklahoma
O. 13 at Iowa State
O. 20 at Baylor
O. 27 Nebraska
N. 3 at Oklahoma State
N. 10 Texas Tech
N. 23 at Texas A&M
#Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (9-4)

College Station, TX
S. 1 Montana State
S. 8 Fresno State
S. 15 UL Monroe
S. 20 at Miami
S. 29 Baylor
O. 6 Oklahoma State
O. 13 at Texas Tech
O. 20 at Nebraska
O. 27 Kansas
N. 3 at Oklahoma
N. 10 at Missouri
N. 23 Texas

TEXAS TECH (8-5)

Lubbock, TX
S. 3 at SMU
S. 8 UTEP
S. 15 at Rice
S. 22 at Oklahoma State
S. 29 Northwestern State
O. 6 Iowa State
O. 13 Texas A&M
O. 20 at Missouri
O. 27 Colorado
N. 3 at Baylor
N. 10 at Texas
N. 17 Oklahoma

C-USA

EAST CAROLINA (7-6)

Greenville, NC
S. 1 at Virginia Tech
S. 8 North Carolina
S. 15 Southern Miss
S. 22 at West Virginia
S. 29 at Houston
O. 6 UCF
O. 13 at UTEP
O. 20 NC State
O. 27 UAB
N. 3 at Memphis
N. 10 at Marshall
N. 24 Tulane

HOUSTON (10-4)

Houston, TX
S. 1 at Oregon
S. 15 at Tulane
S. 22 Colorado State
S. 29 East Carolina
O. 6 at Alabama
O. 13 Rice
O. 20 at UAB
O. 27 at UTEP
N. 4 SMU
N. 10 at Tulsa
N. 17 Marshall
N. 24 Texas Southern

MARSHALL (5-7)

Huntington, WV
S. 1 at Miami
S. 8 West Virginia
S. 15 New Hampshire
S. 22 at Cincinnati
O. 2 at Memphis
O. 13 at Texas
O. 21 Southern Miss
O. 27 Rice
N. 3 at UCF
N. 10 East Carolina
N. 17 at Houston
N. 24 UAB

MEMPHIS (2-10)

Memphis, TN
S. 1 Ole Miss
S. 8 at Arkansas State
S. 15 Nicholls State
S. 22 at UCF
O. 2 Marshall
O. 13 Middle Tennessee
O. 20 at Rice
O. 27 at Tulane
N. 3 East Carolina
N. 10 at Southern Miss
N. 17 UAB
N. 24 SMU

RICE (7-6)

Houston, TX
S. 1 Nicholls State
S. 8 at Baylor
S. 15 Texas Tech
S. 22 at Texas
O. 3 at Southern Miss
O. 13 at Houston
O. 20 Memphis
O. 27 at Marshall
N. 3 UTEP
N. 10 at SMU
N. 17 Tulane
N. 24 Tulsa

SMU (6-6)

Dallas, TX
S. 3 Texas Tech
S. 8 North Texas
S. 15 at Arkansas State
S. 22 at TCU
S. 29 UTEP
O. 13 at Southern Miss
O. 20 Tulane
O. 27 at Tulsa
N. 4 at Houston
N. 10 Rice
N. 17 UCF
N. 24 at Memphis

SOUTHERN MISS (9-5)

Hattiesburg, MS
S. 1 Tennessee-Martin
S. 8 at Tennessee
S. 15 at East Carolina
S. 27 at Boise State
O. 3 Rice
O. 13 SMU
O. 21 at Marshall
O. 28 UCF
N. 3 at UAB
N. 10 Memphis
N. 17 at UTEP
N. 24 Arkansas State

TULANE (4-8)

New Orleans, LA
S. 8 Mississippi State
S. 15 Houston
S. 22 SE Louisiana
S. 29 LSU
O. 6 at Army
O. 13 at UAB
O. 20 at SMU
O. 27 Memphis
N. 3 Tulsa
N. 10 UTEP
N. 17 at Rice
N. 24 at East Carolina

TULSA (8-5)

Tulsa, OK
A. 30 at UL Monroe
S. 15 BYU
S. 21 Oklahoma
S. 29 UAB
O. 6 at UTEP
O. 13 Marshall
O. 20 at UCF
O. 27 SMU
N. 3 at Tulane
N. 10 Houston
N. 17 at Army
N. 24 at Rice

UAB (3-9)

Birmingham, AL
S. 1 at Michigan State
S. 8 at Florida State
S. 15 Alcorn State
S. 29 at Tulsa
O. 6 at Mississippi State
O. 13 Tulane
O. 20 Houston
O. 27 at East Carolina
N. 3 Southern Miss
N. 10 UCF
N. 17 at Memphis
N. 24 at Marshall

UCF (4-8)

Orlando, FL
S. 1 at NC State
S. 15 Texas
S. 22 Memphis
S. 29 UL Lafayette
O. 6 at East Carolina
O. 13 at USF
O. 20 Tulsa
O. 28 at Southern Miss
N. 3 Marshall
N. 10 at UAB
N. 17 at SMU
N. 24 UTEP

UTEP (5-7)

El Paso, TX
S. 1 New Mexico
S. 8 at Texas Tech
S. 15 at New Mexico State
S. 22 Texas Southern
S. 29 at SMU
O. 6 Tulsa
O. 13 East Carolina
O. 27 Houston
N. 3 at Rice
N. 10 at Tulane
N. 17 Southern Miss
N. 24 at UCF

MAC

AKRON (5-7)

Akron, OH
S. 1 #Army
S. 8 at Ohio State
S. 15 at Indiana
S. 22 Kent State
S. 29 at Connecticut
O. 6 at Western Michigan
O. 13 Temple
O. 27 at Buffalo
N. 2 at Bowling Green
N. 7 Ohio
N. 14 at Miami (OH)
N. 23 Central Michigan
#Cleveland, OH

BALL STATE (5-7)

Muncie, IN
A. 30 Miami (OH)
S. 8 at Eastern Michigan
S. 15 at Navy
S. 22 at Nebraska
S. 29 Buffalo
O. 6 Central Michigan
O. 13 Western Kentucky
O. 20 at Western Michigan
O. 27 at Illinois
N. 3 at Indiana
N. 13 Toledo
N. 24 at Northern Illinois

BOWLING GREEN (4-8)

Bowling Green, OH
S. 1 at Minnesota
S. 8 at Michigan State
S. 22 Temple
S. 29 Western Kentucky
O. 6 at Boston College
O. 13 at Miami (OH)
O. 20 at Kent State
O. 27 Ohio
N. 2 Akron
N. 9 at Eastern Michigan
N. 17 at Buffalo
N. 23 Toledo

BUFFALO (2-10)

Buffalo, NY
A. 30 at Rutgers
S. 8 at Temple
S. 15 at Penn State
S. 22 Baylor
S. 29 at Ball State
O. 6 Ohio
O. 13 Toledo
O. 20 at Syracuse
O. 27 Akron
N. 3 at Miami (OH)
N. 17 Bowling Green
N. 24 at Kent State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (10-4)

Mt. Pleasant, MI
S. 1 at Kansas
S. 8 Toledo
S. 15 at Purdue
S. 22 North Dakota State
S. 29 Northern Illinois
O. 6 Ball State
O. 13 Army
O. 20 at Clemson
O. 27 at Kent State
N. 6 at Western Michigan
N. 17 Eastern Michigan
N. 23 at Akron

EASTERN MICHIGAN (11-11)

Ypsilanti, MI
S. 1 at Pittsburgh
S. 8 Ball State
S. 15 at Northern Illinois
S. 22 Howard
S. 29 at Vanderbilt
O. 6 at Michigan
O. 13 at Ohio
O. 20 #Northwestern
O. 27 Western Michigan
N. 3 at Toledo
N. 9 Bowling Green
N. 17 at Central Michigan
#Detroit, MI

KENT STATE (6-6)

Kent, OH
A. 30 at Iowa State
S. 8 at Kentucky
S. 15 Delaware State
S. 22 at Akron
S. 29 at Ohio
O. 6 Miami (OH)
O. 13 at Ohio State
O. 20 Bowling Green
O. 27 Central Michigan
N. 10 at Northern Illinois
N. 17 at Temple
N. 24 Buffalo

MIAMI (OHIO) (2-10)

Oxford, OH
A. 30 at Ball State
S. 8 at Minnesota
S. 15 Cincinnati
S. 22 at Colorado
S. 29 Syracuse
O. 6 at Kent State
O. 13 Bowling Green
O. 20 at Temple
O. 27 at Vanderbilt
N. 3 Buffalo
N. 14 Akron
N. 24 at Ohio

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (7-6)

Dekalb, IL
S. 1 #Iowa
S. 8 Southern Illinois
S. 15 Eastern Michigan
S. 22 at Idaho
S. 29 at Central Michigan
O. 6 at Temple
O. 13 Western Michigan
O. 20 at Wisconsin
O. 27 at Toledo
N. 10 Kent State
N. 17 at Navy
N. 24 Ball State
#Chicago, IL

OHIO (9-5)

Athens, OH
S. 1 Gardner-Webb
S. 8 at Lafayette
S. 15 at Virginia Tech
S. 22 Wyoming
S. 29 Kent State
O. 6 at Buffalo
O. 13 Eastern Michigan
O. 20 at Toledo
O. 27 at Bowling Green
N. 2 Temple
N. 7 at Akron
N. 24 Miami (OH)

TEMPLE (11-11)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 31 Navy
S. 8 Buffalo
S. 15 at Connecticut
S. 22 at Bowling Green
S. 29 at Army
O. 6 Northern Illinois
O. 13 at Akron
O. 20 Miami (OH)
N. 2 at Ohio
N. 10 Penn State
N. 17 Kent State
N. 24 at Western Michigan

TOLEDO (5-7)

Toledo, OH
S. 1 Purdue
S. 8 at Central Michigan
S. 15 at Kansas
S. 22 Iowa State
S. 29 Western Michigan
O. 6 Liberty
O. 13 at Buffalo
O. 20 Ohio
O. 27 Northern Illinois
N. 3 Eastern Michigan
N. 13 at Ball State
N. 23 at Bowling Green

WESTERN MICHIGAN (8-5)

Kalamazoo, MI
S. 1 at West Virginia
S. 8 Indiana
S. 15 at Missouri
S. 22 Central Conn. State
S. 29 at Toledo
O. 6 Akron
O. 13 at Northern Illinois
O. 20 Ball State
O. 27 at Eastern Michigan
N. 6 Central Michigan
N. 17 at Iowa
N. 24 Temple

MOUNTAIN WEST

AIR FORCE (4-8)

Colorado Springs, CO
S. 1 South Carolina State
S. 8 at Utah
S. 13 TCU
S. 22 at Navy
S. 29 UNLV
O. 6 at Colorado State
O. 13 at Wyoming
O. 25 at New Mexico
N. 3 Army
N. 10 at Notre Dame
N. 17 San Diego State

BYU (11-2)

Provo, UT
S. 1 Arizona
S. 8 at UCLA
S. 15 at UCLA
S. 22 Air Force
S. 29 at New Mexico
O. 13 at UNLV
O. 20 Eastern Washington
O. 27 at San Diego State
N. 3 Colorado State
N. 8 TCU
N. 17 at Wyoming
N. 24 Utah

COLORADO STATE (4-8)

Fort Collins, CO
S. 1 #Colorado
S. 8 California
S. 22 at Houston
S. 29 at TCU
O. 6 San Diego State
O. 13 Air Force
O. 20 at UNLV
O. 27 Utah
N. 3 at BYU
N. 10 at New Mexico
N. 17 Georgia Southern
N. 23 Wyoming
#Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (6-7)

Albuquerque, NM
S. 1 at UTEP
S. 8 New Mexico State
S. 15 at Arizona
S. 22 Sacramento State
S. 29 BYU
O. 13 at Wyoming
O. 20 at San Diego State
O. 25 Air Force
N. 3 at TCU
N. 10 Colorado State
N. 17 at Utah
N. 24 UNLV

SAN DIEGO STATE (3-9)

San Diego, CA
S. 8 #Washington State
S. 15 at Arizona State
S. 22 Portland State
S. 29 Cincinnati
O. 6 at Colorado State
O. 13 at Utah
O. 20 New Mexico
O. 27 BYU
N. 3 Wyoming
N. 10 at UNLV
N. 17 at Air Force
N. 24 TCU
#Seattle, WA

TCU (11-2)

Fort Worth, TX
S. 1 Baylor
S. 8 at Texas
S. 13 at Air Force
S. 22 SMU
S. 29 Colorado State
O. 6 at Wyoming
O. 13 at Stanford
O. 18 Utah
N. 3 New Mexico
N. 8 at BYU
N. 17 UNLV
N. 24 at San Diego State

UNLV (2-10)

Las Vegas, NV
A. 30 at Utah State
S. 8 Wisconsin
S. 15 Hawaii
S. 22 Utah
S. 29 at Nevada
O. 6 at Air Force
O. 13 BYU
O. 20 Colorado State
O. 27 at Wyoming
N. 10 San Diego State
N. 17 at TCU
N. 24 at New Mexico

UTAH (8-5)

Salt Lake City, UT
A. 30 at Oregon State
S. 8 Air Force
S. 15 UCLA
S. 22 at UNLV
S. 29 Utah State
O. 5 at Louisville
O. 13 San Diego State
O. 18 at TCU
O. 27 at Colorado State
N. 10 Wyoming
N. 17 New Mexico
N. 24 at BYU

WYOMING (6-6)

Laramie, WY
S. 1 Virginia
S. 8 Utah State
S. 15 at Boise State
S. 22 at Ohio
O. 6 TCU
O. 13 New Mexico
O. 20 at Air Force
O. 27 UNLV
N. 3 at San Diego State
N. 10 at Utah
N. 17 BYU
N. 23 at Colorado State

PAC-10

ARIZONA (6-6)

Tucson, AZ
S. 1 at BYU
S. 8 Northern Arizona
S. 15 New Mexico
S. 22 at California
S. 29 Washington State
O. 6 at Oregon State
O. 13 USC
O. 20 Stanford
O. 27 at Washington
N. 3 UCLA
N. 15 Oregon
D. 1 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (7-6)

Tempe, AZ
S. 1 San Jose State
S. 8 Colorado
S. 15 San Diego State
S. 22 Oregon State
S. 29 at Stanford
O. 6 at Washington State
O. 13 Washington
O. 27 California
N. 3 at Oregon
N. 10 at UCLA
N. 22 USC
D. 1 Arizona

CALIFORNIA (10-3)

Berkeley, CA
S. 1 Tennessee
S. 8 at Colorado State
S. 15 Louisiana Tech
S. 22 Arizona
S. 29 at Oregon
O. 13 Oregon State
O. 20 at UCLA
O. 27 at Arizona State
N. 3 Washington State
N. 10 USC
N. 17 at Washington
D. 1 at Stanford

OREGON (7-6)

Eugene, OR
S. 1 Houston
S. 8 at Michigan
S. 15 Fresno State
S. 22 at Stanford
S. 29 California
O. 13 Washington State
O. 20 at Washington
O. 27 USC
N. 3 Arizona State
N. 15 at Arizona
N. 24 at UCLA
D. 1 Oregon State

OREGON STATE (10-4)

Corvallis, OR
A. 30 Utah
S. 6 at Cincinnati
S. 15 Idaho State
S. 22 at Arizona State
S. 29 UCLA
O. 6 Arizona
O. 13 at California
O. 27 Stanford
N. 3 at USC
N. 10 Washington
N. 17 at Washington State
D. 1 at Oregon

STANFORD (1-11)

Stanford, CA
S. 1 UCLA
S. 15 San Jose State
S. 22 Oregon
S. 29 Arizona State
O. 6 at USC
O. 13 TCU
O. 20 at Arizona
O. 27 at Oregon State
N. 3 Washington
N. 10 at Washington State
N. 24 Notre Dame
D. 1 California

UCLA (7-6)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 at Stanford
S. 8 BYU
S. 15 at Utah
S. 22 Washington
S. 29 at Oregon State
O. 6 Notre Dame
O. 20 California
O. 27 at Washington State
N. 3 at Arizona
N. 10 Arizona State
N. 24 Oregon
D. 1 at USC

USC (11-2)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 Idaho
S. 15 at Nebraska
S. 22 Washington State
S. 29 at Washington
O. 6 Stanford
O. 13 Arizona
O. 20 at Notre Dame
O. 27 at Oregon
N. 3 Oregon State
N. 10 at California
N. 22 at Arizona State
D. 1 UCLA

WASHINGTON (5-7)

Seattle, WA
A. 31 at Syracuse
S. 8 Boise State
S. 15 Ohio State
S. 22 at UCLA
S. 29 USC
O. 13 at Arizona State
O. 20 Oregon
O. 27 Arizona
N. 3 at Stanford
N. 10 at Oregon State
N. 17 California
N. 24 Washington State
D. 1 at Hawaii

WASHINGTON STATE (6-6)

Pullman, WA
S. 1 at Wisconsin
S. 8 #San Diego State
S. 15 Idaho
S. 22 at USC
S. 29 at Arizona
O. 6 Arizona State
O. 13 at Oregon
O. 27 UCLA
N. 3 at California
N. 10 Stanford
N. 17 Oregon State
N. 24 at Washington
#Seattle, WA

SEC

ALABAMA (6-7)

Tuscaloosa, AL
S. 1 Western Carolina
S. 8 at Vanderbilt
S. 15 Arkansas
S. 22 Georgia
S. 29 #Florida State
O. 6 Houston
O. 13 at Ole Miss
O. 20 Tennessee
N. 3 LSU
N. 10 at Mississippi State
N. 17 UL Monroe
N. 24 at Auburn
#Jacksonville, FL

ARKANSAS (10-4)

Fayetteville, AR
S. 1 Troy
S. 15 at Alabama
S. 22 Kentucky
S. 29 North Texas
O. 6 #Chattanooga
O. 13 Auburn
O. 20 at Ole Miss
O. 27 Florida International
N. 3 South Carolina
N. 10 at Tennessee
N. 17 #Mississippi State
N. 23 at LSU
#Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (11-2)

Auburn, AL
S. 1 Kansas State
S. 8 South Florida
S. 15 Mississippi State
S. 22 New Mexico State
S. 29 at Florida
O. 6 Vanderbilt
O. 13 at Arkansas
O. 20 at LSU
O. 27 Ole Miss
N. 3 Tennessee Tech
N. 10 at Georgia
N. 24 Alabama

FLORIDA (13-1)

Gainesville, FL
S. 1 Western Kentucky
S. 8 Troy
S. 15 Tennessee
S. 22 at Ole Miss
S. 29 Auburn
O. 6 at LSU
O. 20 at Kentucky
O. 27 #Georgia
N. 3 Vanderbilt
N. 10 at South Carolina
N. 17 Florida Atlantic
N. 24 Florida State
#Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (9-4)

Athens, GA
S. 1 Oklahoma State
S. 8 South Carolina
S. 15 Western Carolina
S. 22 at Alabama
S. 29 Ole Miss
O. 6 at Tennessee
O. 13 at Vanderbilt
O. 27 #Florida
N. 3 Troy
N. 10 Auburn
N. 17 Kentucky
N. 24 at Georgia Tech
#Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (8-5)

Lexington, KY
S. 1 Eastern Kentucky
S. 8 Kent State
S. 15 Louisville
S. 22 at Arkansas
S. 29 Florida Atlantic
O. 4 at South Carolina
O. 13 LSU
O. 20 Florida
O. 27 Mississippi State
N. 10 at Vanderbilt
N. 17 at Georgia
N. 24 Tennessee

LSU (11-2)

Baton Rouge, LA
A. 30 at Mississippi State
S. 8 Virginia Tech
S. 15 Middle Tennessee
S. 22 South Carolina
S. 29 at Tulane
O. 6 Florida
O. 13 at Kentucky
O. 20 Auburn
N. 3 at Alabama
N. 10 Louisiana Tech
N. 17 at Ole Miss
N. 23 Arkansas

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3-9)

Starkville, MS
A. 30 LSU
S. 8 at Tulane
S. 15 at Auburn
S. 22 Jacksonville State
S. 29 at South Carolina
O. 6 UAB
O. 13 Tennessee
O. 20 at West Virginia
O. 27 at Kentucky
N. 10 Alabama
N. 17 #at Arkansas
N. 23 Ole Miss
#Little Rock, AR

OLE MISS (4-8)

Oxford, MS
S. 1 at Memphis
S. 8 Missouri
S. 15 at Vanderbilt
S. 22 Florida
S. 29 at Georgia
O. 6 Louisiana Tech
O. 13 Alabama
O. 20 Arkansas
O. 27 at Auburn
N. 3 Northwestern State
N. 17 LSU
N. 23 at Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (8-5)

Columbia, SC
S. 1 UL Lafayette
S. 8 at Georgia
S. 15 South Carolina State
S. 22 at LSU
S. 29 Mississippi State
O. 4 Kentucky
O. 13 at North Carolina
O. 20 Vanderbilt
O. 27 at Tennessee
N. 3 at Arkansas
N. 10 Florida
N. 24 Clemson

TENNESSEE (9-4)

Knoxville, TN
S. 1 at California
S. 8 Southern Miss
S. 15 at Florida
S. 22 Arkansas State
O. 6 Georgia
O. 13 at Mississippi State
O. 20 at Alabama
O. 27 South Carolina
N. 3 UL Lafayette
N. 10 Arkansas
N. 17 Vanderbilt
N. 24 at Kentucky

VANDERBILT (4-8)

Nashville, TN
S. 1 Richmond
S. 8 Alabama
S. 15 Ole Miss
S. 29 Eastern Michigan
O. 6 at Auburn
O. 13 Georgia
O. 20 at South Carolina
O. 27 Miami (OH)
N. 3 at Florida
N. 10 Kentucky
N. 17 at Tennessee
N. 24 Wake Forest

SUNBELT

ARKANSAS STATE (6-6)

Jonesboro, AR
S. 1 at Texas
S. 8 Memphis
S. 15 SMU
S. 22 at Tennessee
O. 6 at UL Monroe
O. 13 UL Lafayette
O. 20 at Middle Tennessee
O. 27 Troy
N. 3 Florida International
N. 10 at Florida Atlantic
N. 15 North Texas
N. 24 at Southern Miss

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (5-7)

Boca Raton, FL
S. 1 Middle Tennessee
S. 8 at Oklahoma State
S. 15 #Minnesota
S. 22 at North Texas
S. 29 at Kentucky
O. 6 South Florida
O. 20 at UL Lafayette
O. 27 UL Monroe
N. 10 Arkansas State
N. 17 at Florida
N. 24 at Florida International
D. 1 at Troy
#Miami, FL

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (0-12)

Miami, FL
S. 1 at Penn State
S. 8 Maryland
S. 15 at Miami
S. 22 at Kansas
S. 29 at Middle Tennessee
O. 6 Troy
O. 20 at UL Monroe
O. 27 at Arkansas
N. 3 at Arkansas State
N. 17 UL Lafayette
N. 24 Florida Atlantic
D. 1 North Texas

UL LAFAYETTE (6-6)

Lafayette, LA
S. 1 at South Carolina
S. 8 Ohio
S. 15 McNeese State
S. 22 Troy
S. 29 at UCF
O. 6 North Texas
O. 13 at Arkansas State
O. 20 Florida Atlantic
N. 3 at Tennessee
N. 10 at Middle Tennessee
N. 17 at Florida International
N. 24 UL Monroe

UL MONROE (4-8)

Monroe, LA
A. 30 Tulsa
S. 8 at Clemson
S. 15 at Texas A&M
S. 29 at Troy
O. 6 Arkansas State
O. 13 at North Texas
O. 20 Florida International
O. 27 at Florida Atlantic
N. 3 Middle Tennessee
N. 10 Grambling State
N. 17 at Alabama
N. 24 UL Lafayette

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (7-6)

Murfreesboro, TN
S. 1 at Florida Atlantic
S. 6 at Louisville
S. 15 at LSU
S. 20 Western Kentucky
S. 29 Florida International
O. 6 Virginia
O. 13 at Memphis
O. 20 Arkansas State
O. 27 at North Texas
N. 3 at UL Monroe
N. 10 UL Lafayette
N. 20 at Troy

NORTH TEXAS (3-9)

Denton, TX
S. 1 at Oklahoma
S. 8 at SMU
S. 22 Florida Atlantic
S. 29 at Arkansas
O. 6 at UL Lafayette
O. 13 UL Monroe
O. 20 at Troy
O. 27 Middle Tennessee
N. 10 Navy
N. 15 at Arkansas State
N. 24 Western Kentucky
D. 1 at Florida International

TROY (8-5)

Troy, AL
S. 1 at Arkansas
S. 8 at Florida
S. 14 Oklahoma State
S. 22 at UL Lafayette
S. 29 UL Monroe
O. 6 at Florida International
O. 20 North Texas
O. 27 at Arkansas State
N. 3 at Georgia
N. 10 at Western Kentucky
N. 20 Middle Tennessee
D. 1 Florida Atlantic

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BOISE STATE (13-0)

Boise, ID
A. 30 Weber State
S. 8 at Washington
S. 15 Wyoming
S. 27 Southern Miss
O. 7 New Mexico State
O. 14 Nevada
O. 20 at Louisiana Tech
O. 26 at Fresno State
N. 3 San Jose State
N. 10 at Utah State
N. 17 Idaho
N. 23 at Hawaii

FRESNO STATE (4-8)

Fresno, CA
S. 1 Sacramento State
S. 8 at Texas A&M
S. 15 at Oregon
S. 29 Louisiana Tech
O. 6 at Nevada
O. 13 at Idaho
O. 20 San Jose State
O. 26 Boise State
N. 3 Utah State
N. 10 at Hawaii
N. 24 Kansas State
D. 1 at New Mexico State

HAWAII (11-3)

Honolulu, HI
S. 1 Northern Colorado
S. 8 at Louisiana Tech
S. 15 at UNLV
S. 22 Charleston Southern
S. 29 at Idaho
O. 6 Utah State
O. 12 at San Jose State
O. 27 New Mexico State
N. 10 Fresno State
N. 17 at Nevada
N. 23 Boise State
D. 1 Washington

IDAHO (4-8)

Moscow, ID
S. 1 at USC
S. 8 Cal Poly
S. 15 at Washington State
S. 22 Northern Illinois
S. 29 Hawaii
O. 6 at San Jose State
O. 13 Fresno State
O. 20 at New Mexico State
O. 27 at Nevada
N. 3 Louisiana Tech
N. 17 at Boise State
N. 24 Utah State

LOUISIANA TECH (3-10)

Ruston, LA
S. 1 Central Arkansas
S. 8 Hawaii
S. 15 at California
S. 29 at Fresno State
O. 6 at Ole Miss
O. 13 New Mexico State
O. 20 Boise State
O. 27 at Utah State
N. 3 at Idaho
N. 10 at LSU
N. 17 San Jose State
D. 1 at Nevada

NEVADA (8-5)

Reno, NV
S. 1 at Nebraska
S. 8 at Northwestern
S. 29 UNLV
O. 6 Fresno State
O. 14 at Boise State
O. 20 at Utah State
O. 27 Idaho
N. 2 at New Mexico State
N. 17 Hawaii
N. 24 at San Jose State
D. 1 Louisiana Tech

NEW MEXICO STATE (4-8)

Las Cruces, NM
A. 30 SE Louisiana
S. 8 at New Mexico
S. 15 UTEP
S. 22 at Auburn
S. 29 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 7 at Boise State
O. 13 at Louisiana Tech
O. 20 Idaho
O. 27 at Hawaii
N. 2 Nevada
N. 10 at San Jose State
N. 17 Utah State
D. 1 Fresno State

SAN JOSE STATE (9-4)

San Jose, CA
S. 1 at Arizona State
S. 8 at Kansas State
S. 15 at Stanford
S. 22 at Utah State
S. 29 UC Davis
O. 6 Idaho
O. 12 Hawaii
O. 20 at Fresno State
N. 3 at Boise State
N. 10 New Mexico State
N. 17 at Louisiana Tech
N. 24 Nevada

UTAH STATE (1-11)

Logan, UT
A. 30 UNLV
S. 8 at Wyoming
S. 15 at Oklahoma
S. 22 San Jose State
S. 29 at Utah
O. 6 at Hawaii
O. 20 Nevada
O. 27 Louisiana Tech
N. 3 at Fresno State
N. 10 Boise State
N. 17 at New Mexico State
N. 24 at Idaho

I-A INDEPENDENTS

ARMY (3-9)

West Point, NY
S. 1 #at Akron
S. 8 Rhode Island
S. 15 at Wake Forest
S. 22 at Boston College
S. 29 Temple
O. 6 Tulane
O. 13 at Central Michigan
O. 20 at Georgia Tech
N. 3 at Air Force
N. 9 Rutgers
N. 17 Tulsa
Dec. 1 %Navy
#Cleveland, OH
#Baltimore, MD

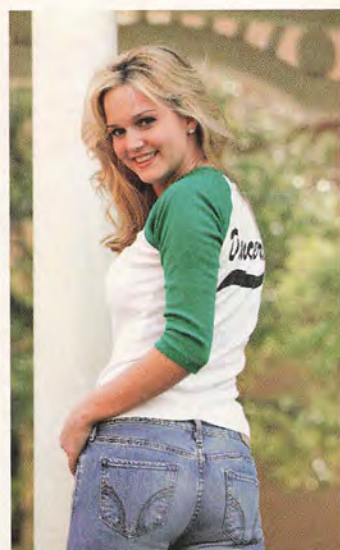
NAVY (9-4)

Annapolis, MD
A. 31 at Temple
S. 17 at Rutgers
S. 15 Ball State
S. 22 Duke
S. 29 Air Force
O. 13 at Pittsburgh
O. 20 Wake Forest
O. 27 Delaware
N. 3 at Notre Dame
N. 10 at North Texas
N. 17 Northern Illinois
Dec. 1 #Army
#Baltimore, MD

NOTRE DAME (10-3)

South Bend, IN
S. 1 Georgia Tech
S. 8 at Penn State
S. 15 at Michigan
S. 22 Michigan State
S. 29 at Purdue
O. 6 at UCLA
O. 13 Boston College
O. 20 USC
N. 3 Navy
N. 10 Air Force
N. 17 Duke
N. 24 at Stanford

SIDELINE SHOW



Why did you choose to go to North Texas?

I chose to go to North Texas because of the wonderful dance team. I wanted to keep dancing after high school, and why not come to the big city! It's a great location and I get to do what I love!

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I want to become a successful physical therapist and hopefully keep dancing.

Most admired outside of family?

That would have to be my dance teacher from back home, Tammie Locklar Talbott. She has taught me dance since I was three years old and has always been there for me. She always pushed me to become the best dancer I could possibly be. Thank you Tammie for everything!

Role model for your chosen profession?

My role model as wanting to become a physical therapist would have to be between Larry Feeler and Daneen Marsh. They both work at Odessa Physical Therapy and were there for me when I injured my knee my senior year of high school. They kept me motivated to get better and heal better than before. That was the first real look into physical therapy for me and I loved almost every minute being there.

Prized possession and why?

My most prized possession would be my family. My family has been through so much together but always 100 percent behind each other. Just know that I appreciate every single one of y'all even though sometimes I don't tell y'all that as much as I need to. I couldn't have asked for a better family! I love y'all!!

Who is your hero?

My mother, Penny Roberts, is my hero. She has been not only my mother but my best friend. She is my rock and without her I would be lost in the world. She is the one who drove me six hours so many times for dance competitions with only three hours of sleep but never once complained because this was my dream.

Thank you, Mom. I appreciate everything you have done. I love you!!

Favorite football moment while on the sidelines?

My favorite football moment would have to be cheering on the sidelines with my best friends for 7 overtimes. I wouldn't have wanted to be standing there with any other girls but y'all! I love y'all!!

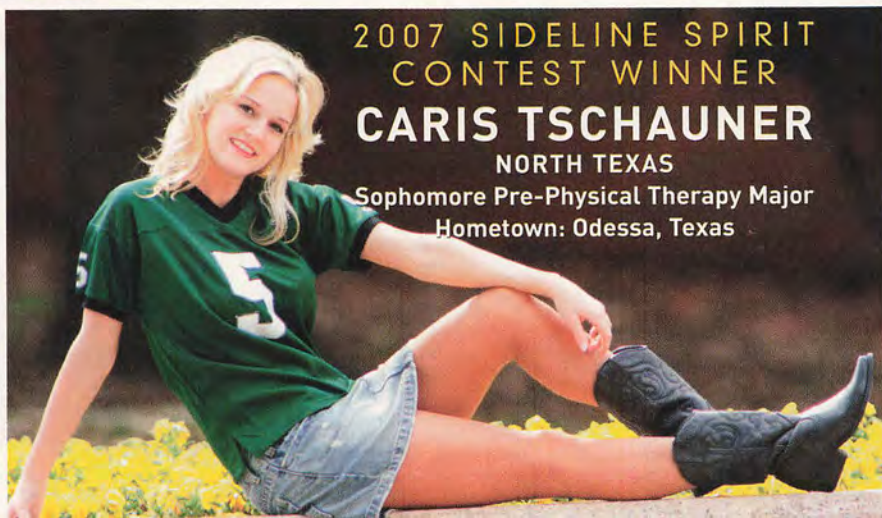
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CARIS TSCHAUNER

NORTH TEXAS

Sophomore Pre-Physical Therapy Major

Hometown: Odessa, Texas



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SIDELINE SHOW



Why did you choose to go to Arkansas?

My dream has always been to cheer in college. Once I started looking at surrounding schools, I knew I wanted to be at Arkansas. They have the best cheerleading program by far, and the school spirit is like none other. The campus is gorgeous, the academics are very important, the people are genuine and friendly, and the athletics are beyond compare.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I plan on getting my Master's degree and then teaching high school math. I would also like to use my Marketing minor in some way.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

The beautiful weather always brings me outside; I like going to the park, walking my dog, playing tennis, fishing and running. I also enjoy playing the piano, baking, reading, shopping and being creative.

Most admired outside of family?

Many people from my church have shown me how to be a godly adult, both young and old. From becoming a woman, to being a wife and mother, they have showed me that being successful is finding joy in every day and having friends and family to share it with you.

Role model for your chosen profession?

Throughout high school, I had many teachers that believed in me and challenged me beyond what I thought I was capable of me. They helped me accomplish my goals, and I hope to one day help others set their goals high and work toward their achievements.

Who is your hero?

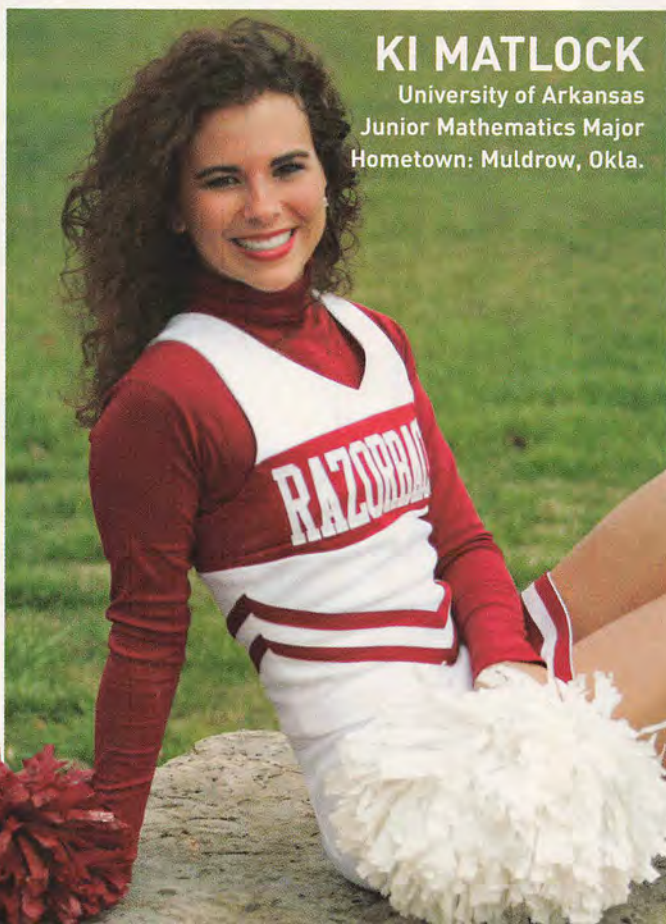
My mom has always told me to "reach for the stars." She rejoices with me in the good times and encourages me during the hard times. She is the most creative person I know and she can do anything. Seeing her accomplishments help me believe in myself.

What is your favorite moment/memory from the sideline?

There are so many, I don't know if I could pick just one. Doing the hog call on the middle of the field during pregame along with 70,000 fans is such a thrill. I love it when planes fly over during the national anthem. Hosting (ESPN) GameDay when we played Tennessee was so much fun. And I can't stop smiling when Coach Nutt leads the fans in the fight song after a victory!

KI MATLOCK

University of Arkansas
Junior Mathematics Major
Hometown: Muldrow, Okla.



SIDELINE SHOW

Why did you choose to go to Duke?

Duke has everything to offer. I have always been very engaged in academics and athletics, and Duke allows its students to excel at both.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I plan to attend medical school in the fall of 2008. I would like to spend the summer after graduation traveling, possibly going back to Australia (where I studied abroad last summer).

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy running, reading, going out with friends, and attending pretty much any Duke sporting event.

Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

Member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Dean's List, campus tour guide.

Most admired outside of family?

My good friend Patrick Brett was killed in a car accident my sophomore year in college. He was kind, brilliant, and made everyone smile. I truly aspire to be like him.

Role model for your chosen profession?

Dr. Henry Friedman, Deputy Director of the Brain Tumor Center at Duke. He gives every one of his brain tumor patients a new lease on life and is an inspiration to everyone who works with him.

Prized possession and why?

My car. It gives me a place to be alone, listen to music, and just relax. I didn't have a car on campus until my junior year, so I definitely appreciate it!

Who is your hero?

My parents are my heroes. I have always appreciated them, but going to a college far away from home has allowed me to see just how amazing they are. They made me exactly who I am today and I am so grateful.

What is your favorite moment/memory from the sideline?

When Sean Dockery hit the last-second three pointer to be Virginia Tech my sophomore year. I have never heard Cameron Indoor Stadium as loud as it was that night, it was unreal.



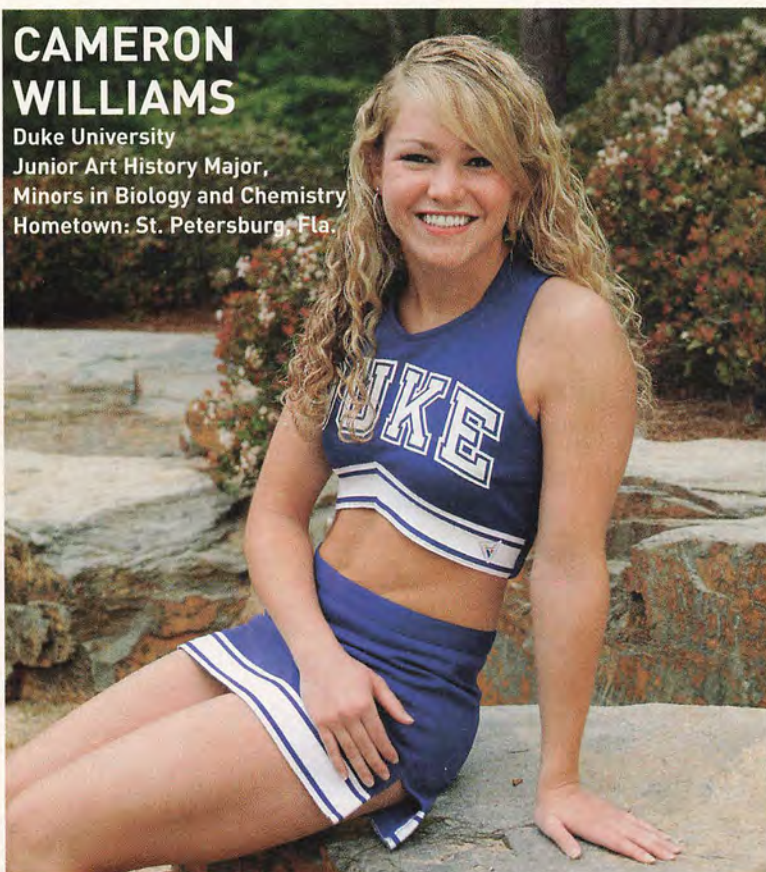
CAMERON WILLIAMS

Duke University

Junior Art History Major,

Minors in Biology and Chemistry

Hometown: St. Petersburg, Fla.



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SIDELINE SHOW

RUTH STAINER

USC

Senior Business Administration/

Marketing Major

Hometown: Huntington Beach, Calif.



Why did you choose to go to USC?

Other than the top-ranked business school and amazing football team, I would have to say the one thing that all Trojans share — pride in their school and spirit. I get goose bumps when I attend USC events and see the dedication and love that the students and alumni have for our school. The "Trojan Family" is truly remarkable and unmatched by any other university or organization.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I hope to obtain my MBA and work for a Fortune 500 company in sales and marketing.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I don't have much free time, but I do love spending time with my family and friends, watching sports, traveling, going to the beach and dancing!

Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

I am the currently Miss Los Angeles County and placed in the Top 10 and won the Swimsuit category at Miss California last year. I also graduated high school with a 4.20 GPA and with the highest honors (Honors with Distinction).

Most admired outside of family?

Hillary Clinton. I had the chance to meet her and attend an event with her this year. She is extremely intelligent, a wonderful speaker, and extremely down to earth.

Role model for your chosen profession?

Oprah Winfrey.

Prized possession and why? My great grandmother's engagement ring that my grandmother gave to me on my sixteenth birthday.

Who is your hero?

Without a doubt the person that I am named after — my Grandma. She taught me so many important lessons in life and has shaped me into the person I am today. I couldn't be who I am without her kind heart, love, support and dedication.

What is your favorite moment/memory from the sideline?

It's a toss-up between the 2007 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan and getting the opportunity to go to the Sweet Sixteen this year in New Jersey.



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3. NORTH CAROLINA	7. FLORIDA STATE	11. WAKE FOREST
4. CLEMSON	8. MARYLAND	12. DUKE

1. Marvin Austin	DT	6'3"	295	Washington, D.C.	North Carolina
2. Tyrod Taylor	QB	6'2"	185	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech
3. J'Courtney Williams	SLB	6'3"	218	Danville, VA	Virginia
4. Allen Bailey	LB	6'4"	255	Darien, GA	Miami
5. John Elliott	G	6'4"	280	East Meadow, NY	Boston College
6. Willy Korn	QB	6'2"	200	Lyman, SC	Clemson
7. Dionte Allen	CB	5'11"	175	Orchard Lake, MI	Florida State
8. Josh Nesbitt	QB	6'1"	204	Greensboro, GA	Georgia Tech
9. Greg Little	WR	6'3"	210	Durham, NC	North Carolina
10. Marcus Gilcrist	CB	5'11"	175	High Point, NC	Clemson
11. Tydreke Powell	DT	6'3"	290	Ahoskie, NC	North Carolina
12. Jonathan Dwyer	RB	6'0"	197	Marietta, GA	Georgia Tech
13. Rashad Mason	WR	6'5"	210	Nashville, TN	North Carolina
14. Robert Marve	QB	6'1"	190	Tampa, FL	Miami
15. Scotty Cooper	S	6'0"	206	Lake City, SC	Clemson
16. Will Alvarez	T	6'5"	315	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia Tech
17. Mike Paulus	QB	6'5"	220	Manlius, NY	North Carolina
18. Kourtnei Brown	DE	6'5"	230	Charlotte, NC	Clemson
19. Kendall Smith	MLB	6'1"	207	Bushnell, FL	Florida State
20. DeMarcus Van Dyke	CB	6'1"	170	Miami, FL	Miami

BIG TEN RANKINGS

1. MICHIGAN	5. IOWA	9. MINNESOTA
2. OHIO STATE	6. WISCONSIN	10. PURDUE
3. PENN STATE	7. MICHIGAN STATE	11. INDIANA
4. ILLINOIS	8. NORTHWESTERN	

1. Ryan Mallett	QB	6'6"	235	Texarkana, TX	Michigan
2. Arrelious Benn	WR	6'2"	210	Washington, D.C.	Illinois
3. Josh Oglesby	T	6'7"	320	Milwaukee, WI	Wisconsin
4. Donovan Warren	CB	6'0"	175	Long Beach, CA	Michigan
5. Eugene Clifford	S	6'2"	190	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
6. Martez Wilson	DE	6'4"	230	Chicago, IL	Illinois
7. Ryan Van Bergen	DE	6'5"	260	Whitehall, MI	Michigan
8. Michael Williams	CB	6'0"	190	Camarillo, CA	Michigan
9. Toney Clemons	WR	6'2"	205	New Kensington, PA	Michigan
10. Nick Sukay	S	6'2"	200	Mount Pleasant, PA	Penn State
11. Nate Oliver	S	6'0"	195	Lakewood, OH	Ohio State
12. Christian Ballard	DE	6'4"	270	Lawrence, KS	Iowa
13. Devon Torrence	S	6'1"	190	Canton, OH	Ohio State
14. Brandon Saine	RB	6'1"	205	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
15. D'Angelo McCray	DL	6'4"	290	Jacksonville, FL	Illinois
16. Stefen Wisniewski	G	6'3"	275	Bridgeville, PA	Penn State
17. James Scott	CB	5'10"	165	Daytona Beach, FL	Ohio State
18. Cameron Heyward	DT	6'6"	280	Suwanee, GA	Ohio State
19. Josh Brent	DT	6'3"	300	Bloomington, IL	Illinois
20. John Clay	RB	6'2"	220	Racine, WI	Wisconsin

BIG EAST RANKINGS

1. PITTSBURGH	4. SOUTH FLORIDA	7. CONNECTICUT
2. WEST VIRGINIA	5. SYRACUSE	8. CINCINNATI
3. RUTGERS	6. LOUISVILLE	

1. Noel Devine	RB	5'8"	170	North Fort Myers, FL	West Virginia
2. Anthony Davis	T	6'6"	350	Piscataway, NJ	Rutgers
3. Chris Jacobson	G	6'3"	285	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
4. Pat Bostick	QB	6'3"	220	Lancaster, PA	Pittsburgh
5. Manny Abreu	WLB	6'3"	220	Union City, NJ	Rutgers
6. Doug Beaumont	WR	5'9"	180	Louisville, KY	Louisville
7. Tony Tucker	DE	6'2"	225	Washington D.C.	Pittsburgh
8. Junius Lewis	DT	6'2"	250	Morgantown, WV	West Virginia
9. Maurice Williams	WR	6'1"	190	Erie, PA	Pittsburgh
10. Dale Martin	RB	6'0"	190	Bolingbrook, IL	Louisville
11. Victor Anderson	RB	5'9"	175	Louisville, KY	Louisville
12. Myles Caragein	DE	6'2"	270	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
13. Brandon Lindsey	SLB	6'2"	225	Aliquippa, PA	Pittsburgh
14. Dan Matha	T	6'6"	310	Erie, PA	Pittsburgh
15. Keith Newell	T	6'6"	290	Trenton, NJ	Rutgers
16. Dom DeCicco	S	6'3"	200	Jefferson, Hills PA	Pittsburgh
17. C.J. Peake	S	6'2"	210	Trotwood, OH	Louisville
18. Claude Davis	DE	6'4"	240	Lakeland, FL	South Florida
19. Joe Lefeged	S	6'0"	190	Germantown, MD	Rutgers
20. Doug Hogue	RB	6'2"	215	Yonkers NY	Syracuse

BIG 12 RANKINGS

1. TEXAS	5. OKLAHOMA	9. BAYLOR
2. NEBRASKA	6. COLORADO	10. KANSAS STATE
3. OKLAHOMA STATE	7. MISSOURI	11. IOWA STATE
4. TEXAS A&M	8. TEXAS TECH	12. KANSAS

1. Tray Allen	OL	6'5"	310	Grand Prairie, TX	Texas
2. Curtis Brown	CB	6'1"	175	Gilmer, TX	Texas
3. Ryan Miller	T	6'8"	310	Littleton, CO	Colorado
4. Dre Jones	DT	6'5"	295	El Paso, TX	Texas
5. John Chiles	WR	6'2"	197	Dallas TX	Texas
6. Richetti Jones	DE	6'4"	240	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma State
7. Austin Box	S	6'3"	220	Enid, OK	Oklahoma
8. Russell Carter	DE	6'3"	240	Houston, TX	Texas
9. Derrick Stephens	SLB	6'2"	228	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
10. Dez Bryant	WR	6'1"	220	Lufkin, TX	Oklahoma State
11. Ben Wells	CB	6'1"	185	Beaumont, TX	Texas
12. Chris Scott	S	6'0"	185	Dallas, TX	Texas
13. Earl Thomas	CB	5'10"	183	Orange, TX	Texas
14. James Kirkendoll	WR	5'11"	175	Round Rock, TX	Texas
15. Jaivorio Burkes	T	6'5"	315	Phoenix, AZ	Nebraska
16. William Cole	CB	6'0"	175	Cedar Hill, TX	Oklahoma State
17. Markques Simas	WR	6'2"	195	San Diego, CA	Colorado
18. Adrian Moore	S	6'0"	200	Pine Bluff, AR	Oklahoma State
19. Niles Paul	WR	6'1"	210	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
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4. MARSHALL	8. TULSA	12. TULANE

1. Antwain Easterling	RB	5'11"	185	Miami, FL	Southern Miss
2. Alphonso Bryant	DB	6'0"	190	Florida City FL	UCF
3. Chris Tate	WR	6'0"	180	Hempstead, TX	Houston
4. A.J. Guyton	WR	5'11"	176	Naranja, FL	UCF
5. Kamar Aiken	ATH	6'2"	195	Hollywood, FL	UCF
6. Demarcus Lattier	DT	6'2"	285	Garland, TX	Houston
7. Chris Smith	QB	6'3"	220	South Point, OH	Marshall
8. Terrell Edwards	RB	6'2"	205	Mobile, AL	Marshall
9. Tyrell Worthington	RB	6'0"	180	Greenville NC	East Carolina
10. Charles Wood	T	6'5"	295	Gainesville, GA	Marshall
11. Linval Joseph	DT	6'6"	308	Alachua, FL	East Carolina
12. Rodney Cox	ATH	6'6"	230	Angier, NC	East Carolina
13. Branden Curry	T	6'6"	292	Hollywood, FL	Marshall
14. DaRonte McNeil	RB	6'2"	217	Elizabeth City, NC	East Carolina
15. Charles Opeseyitan	RB	5'10"	193	Allen, TX	Tulsa
16. Sidney Haynes	WR	6'4"	210	Suwanee, GA	UCF
17. De'Von Bailey	ATH	6'2"	200	Lawton, OK	SMU
18. Loyce Means	CB	5'10"	156	Houston, TX	Houston
19. Darnell Williams	WR	6'1"	185	Winter Park, FL	UCF
20. Brandon Thigpen	S	6'3"	200	Moreno Valley, CA	UTEP

MOUNTAIN WEST RANKINGS

1. BYU	4. SAN DIEGO STATE	7. UNLV
2. UTAH	5. COLORADO STATE	8. AIR FORCE
3. TCU	6. NEW MEXICO	9. WYOMING

1. Jason Munns	QB	6'5"	225	Kennewick, WA	BYU
2. Jeremy Kerley	WR	5'10"	185	Hutto, TX	TCU
3. Marcus Mathews	WR	6'4"	200	Beaverton, OR	BYU
4. Griff Robles	QB	6'5"	220	Spanish Fork, UT	Utah
5. Ryan Kessman	WR	6'0"	190	San Jacinto, CA	BYU
6. Ryan Lindley	QB	6'3"	205	Alpine, CA	San Diego State
7. J.J. Di Luigi	RB	5'9"	188	Canyon Country, CA	BYU
8. Star Lotulelei	DE	6'3"	245	South Jordan, UT	BYU
9. David Angilau	DT	6'2"	255	Longmont, CO	BYU
10. Tejay Johnson	S	6'1"	195	Garland, TX	TCU
11. James Aiono	DE	6'3"	245	W. Valley City, UT	Utah
12. Tekerrein Cuba	S	6'3"	197	Tyler, TX	TCU
13. James Davis	RB	5'9"	172	Monrovia, CA	Wyoming
14. G Pittman	CB	5'9"	175	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	BYU
15. Devin Mahina	TE	6'6"	225	Upland, CA	BYU
16. Michael Matamua	T	6'4"	280	Kapolei, HI	San Diego State
17. Vincent Brown Jr.	WR	6'0"	172	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	San Diego St.
18. Phillip Ofili	S	6'0"	185	Houston, TX	Air Force
19. Jonathan Jones	WR	6'3"	197	Fort Worth, TX	TCU
20. Jordan Pendleton	S	6'2"	195	South Jordan, UT	BYU

MAC RANKINGS

1. MIAMI	5. WESTERN MICHIGAN	9. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
2. AKRON	6. TEMPLE	10. EASTERN MICHIGAN
3. TOLEDO	7. KENT STATE	11. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4. BALL STATE	8. OHIO	12. BOWLING GREEN
		13. BUFFALO

1. Clay Belton	QB	6'6"	220	Dayton, OH	Miami
2. Paul Simkovich	OL	6'4"	300	Latrobe, PA	Akron
3. Chris Givens	WR	6'2"	180	Chillicothe, OH	Miami
4. Morgan Williams	RB	6'0"	190	Canton, OH	Toledo
5. Matt Rodgers	QB	6'2"	195	Pittsburgh, PA	Akron
6. Travaris Cadet	QB	6'0"	196	Miami, FL	Toledo
7. Vincent Hill	WR	5'11"	175	Ft. Washington, MD	Akron
8. Brandon Brooks	OL	6'4"	290	Milwaukee, WI	Miami
9. Daryl Robinson	ATH	5'9"	175	Philadelphia, PA	Temple
10. Darrell Davis-Budanauro	OL	6'4"	350	Grand Rapids, MI	Eastern Michigan
11. Schneider Julien	WR	5'10"	175	Miami, FL	Western Michigan
12. Tommie Weatherspoon	LB	6'2"	245	Jesup, GA	Temple
13. Frank Edmonds	RB	5'6"	190	Cleveland, OH	Ball State
14. Bryan Williams	ATH	6'0"	195	Akron, OH	Akron
15. Josh Allison	DL	6'2"	245	Lake Orioion, MI	Central Michigan
16. Anthony Middleton	TE	6'4"	215	Deerfield Beach, FL	Western Michigan
17. Pete Rolf	DE	6'4"	220	Piqua, OH	Ball State
18. Andy Wersel	DE	6'0"	240	Mason, OH	Western Michigan
19. Amara Kamara	LB	6'1"	210	Newark, NJ	Temple
20. Marlin Parker	DE	6'2"	230	Warren, OH	Toledo

PAC-10 RANKINGS

1. USC	5. UCLA	8. STANFORD
2. OREGON	6. ARIZONA STATE	9. ARIZONA
3. CALIFORNIA	7. OREGON STATE	10. WASHINGTON STATE
4. WASHINGTON		

1. Everson Griffen	DE	6'3"	265	Avondale, AZ	USC
2. Joe McKnight	RB	6'0"	180	River Ridge, LA	USC
3. Marc Tyler	RB	6'0"	215	Yorba Linda, CA	USC
4. Chris Galippo	MLB	6'2"	235	Corona, CA	USC
5. Ronald Johnson	CB	6'1"	190	Muskegon, MI	USC
6. Aaron Corp	QB	6'3"	185	Villa Park, CA	USC
7. Kristofer O'Dowd	C	6'5"	290	Tucson, AZ	USC
8. Marshall Jones	S	6'0"	185	Agoura Hills, CA	USC
9. DaJohn Harris	DT	6'4"	270	Inglewood, CA	USC
10. Martin Coleman	T	6'5"	285	Huntington Beach, CA	USC
11. Brian Price	DT	6'3"	270	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
12. Rob Gronkowski	TE	6'6"	250	Williamsville, NY	Arizona
13. Chris Izbicki	TE	6'3"	230	Kirkland, WA	Washington
14. Simi Fili	DT	6'4"	340	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
15. Broderick Green	RB	6'1"	230	Little Rock, AR	USC
16. Akeem Ayers	DE	6'2"	214	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
17. Michael Reardon	DL	6'5"	265	Anaheim, CA	USC
18. Brandon Carswell	WR	6'2"	175	Milpitas, CA	USC
19. Terrance Pritchett	MLB	6'2"	201	Sacramento, CA	Oregon
20. Carson York	T	6'4"	285	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Oregon

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SEC RANKINGS

1. FLORIDA
2. TENNESSEE
3. LSU
4. AUBURN
5. SOUTH CAROLINA
6. GEORGIA
7. ALABAMA
8. MISSISSIPPI STATE
9. OLE MISS
10. ARKANSAS
11. KENTUCKY
12. VANDERBILT

1. Eric Berry	ATH	5'11"	195	Fairburn, GA	Tennessee
2. Terrance Toliver	WR	6'5"	180	Hempstead, TX	LSU
3. Chad Jones	S	6'2"	222	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU
4. Caleb King	RB	5'11"	205	Norcross, GA	Georgia
5. Ben Martin	DE	6'5"	230	Cincinnati, OH	Tennessee
6. Deonte Thompson	WR	5'11"	186	Belle Glade, FL	Florida
7. James Wilson	G	6'5"	305	St. Augustine, FL	Florida
8. Justin Trattou	DE	6'4"	250	Ramsey, NJ	Florida
9. Carlos Dunlap	DE	6'6"	240	North Charleston, SC	Florida
10. Aaron Hernandez	TE	6'4"	235	Bristol, CT	Florida
11. Joseph Barksdale	DT	6'6"	315	Detroit, MI	LSU
12. Lorenzo Edwards	WLB	6'2"	221	Orlando, FL	Florida
13. Cliff Matthews	DE	6'4"	234	Cheraw, SC	South Carolina
14. Kodi Burns	QB	6'2"	195	Fort Smith, AR	Auburn
15. Major Wright	S	6'1"	204	Miramar, FL	Florida
16. Chris Rainey	RB	5'9"	156	Lakeland, FL	Florida
17. Chris Donald	SLB	6'2"	220	Huntingdon, TN	Tennessee
18. Lee Ziemba	T	6'7"	295	Rogers, AR	Auburn
19. John Brantley	QB	6'3"	195	Ocala, FL	Florida
20. Chris Strong	SLB	6'2"	245	Batesville, MS	Ole Miss

TOP 50 RECRUITING CLASSES

1. Florida
2. USC
3. Texas
4. Tennessee
5. LSU
6. Auburn
7. South Carolina
8. Pittsburgh
9. Oregon
10. Michigan
11. Notre Dame
12. California
13. Miami
14. Georgia Tech
15. North Carolina
16. Ohio State
17. Georgia
18. Penn State
19. Illinois
20. Nebraska
21. Alabama
22. Clemson
23. Oklahoma State
24. Virginia Tech
25. West Virginia
26. Texas A&M
27. Mississippi State
28. Rutgers
29. Washington
30. Oklahoma
31. Ole Miss
32. Virginia
33. Florida State
34. Arkansas
35. Colorado
36. UCLA
37. Iowa
38. Arizona State
39. Missouri
40. Oregon State
41. Wisconsin
42. BYU
43. Stanford
44. Texas Tech
45. South Florida
46. Syracuse
47. Louisville
48. Maryland
49. Arizona
50. Boston College

SUN BELT RANKINGS

1. TROY
2. ARKANSAS STATE
3. MIDDLE TENNESSEE
4. FLORIDA INT'L
5. NORTH TEXAS
6. FLORIDA ATLANTIC
7. UL MONROE
8. UL LAFAYETTE

1. Paul Henry	T	6'8"	270	Fort Smith, AR	Arkansas State
2. Jeremiah Wright	G	6'3"	275	Fort Valley, GA	Troy
3. Eugene Kinlaw	DT	6'3"	280	Homerville, GA	Troy
4. Xavier Stinson	ATH	5'9"	225	Miami, FL	Florida Atlantic
5. Linzsy Harris	WR	5'9"	175	Hollywood, FL	Arkansas State
6. Stanley Porter	DE	6'4"	240	Rosedale, MS	Arkansas State
7. A.J. Penson	LB	6'1"	220	Lufkin, TX	North Texas
8. Darian Williams	WR	6'3"	195	North Lauderdale, FL	Florida Atlantic
9. Alvin Jordan Jr.	MLB	6'2"	225	Mesquite, TX	UL Monroe
10. Jamie Hampton	QB	6'2"	180	Cedar Bluff, AL	Troy
11. Jeffrey Daniels	SLB	6'1"	210	Brantley, AL	Troy
12. Bryan Mann	QB	6'3"	195	Belle Glade, FL	Florida International
13. Curtis Bryant	DT	6'3"	270	Miami, FL	Florida International
14. Walter Dozier	WR	6'0"	195	Chattanooga, TN	Middle Tennessee
15. Jerrel Jernigan	WR	5'10"	175	Eufaula, AL	Troy
16. Antwan Davis	SLB	6'1"	206	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Middle Tennessee
17. Micah Grimes	T	6'4"	300	Fort Meade, FL	Troy
18. William Anderson	FB	5'11"	228	St. Louis, MO	Arkansas State
19. Marquis Rolle	WR	6'3"	185	Orlando, FL	Florida International
20. Jarvis Givens	DT	6'3"	300	Miami, FL	Florida Atlantic

WAC RANKINGS

1. BOISE STATE
2. FRESNO STATE
3. IDAHO
4. HAWAII
5. LOUISIANA TECH
6. SAN JOSE STATE
7. NEVADA
8. UTAH STATE
9. NEW MEXICO STATE

1. Kellen Moore	QB	6'1"	180	Prosser, WA	Boise State
2. Porter Hill	DT	6'4"	275	Compton, CA	Fresno State
3. Jermaine Thomas	CB	5'11"	180	Duarte, CA	Fresno State
4. Antwon Murray	CB	5'11"	180	Lakeland, FL	Boise State
5. Corey White	RB	5'9"	199	Las Vegas, NV	Idaho
6. Devon Wylie	WR	5'9"	170	Roseville, CA	Fresno State
7. Johnny Tivao	DT	6'0"	295	Paramount, CA	Boise State
8. Phillip Livas	RB	5'8"	170	Houma, LA	Louisiana Tech
9. Duke Ihenacho	S	6'1"	200	Gardena, CA	San Jose State
10. Tarence Calais	S	5'11"	195	Patterson, LA	Louisiana Tech
11. Titus Young	WR	5'11"	170	Los Angeles, CA	Boise State
12. Lampford Mark	CB	6'1"	196	Fresno, CA	Nevada
13. Austin Pettis	WR	6'3"	190	Anaheim CA	Boise State
14. Billy Winn	DE	6'4"	270	Las Vegas, NV	Boise State
15. Devan Cunningham	T	6'6"	315	Rancho Cordora, CA	Fresno State
16. Hunter White	WLB	5'11"	205	Huntington Beach, CA	Boise State
17. Garrett Pendergast	G	6'3"	275	Whittier CA	Boise State
18. Chris Carter	SLB	6'2"	220	Fontana, CA	Fresno State
19. Eric Sproal	G	6'4"	280	Yorba Linda, CA	Fresno State
20. Andre Ferguson	SLB	6'3"	205	Redlands, CA	Idaho

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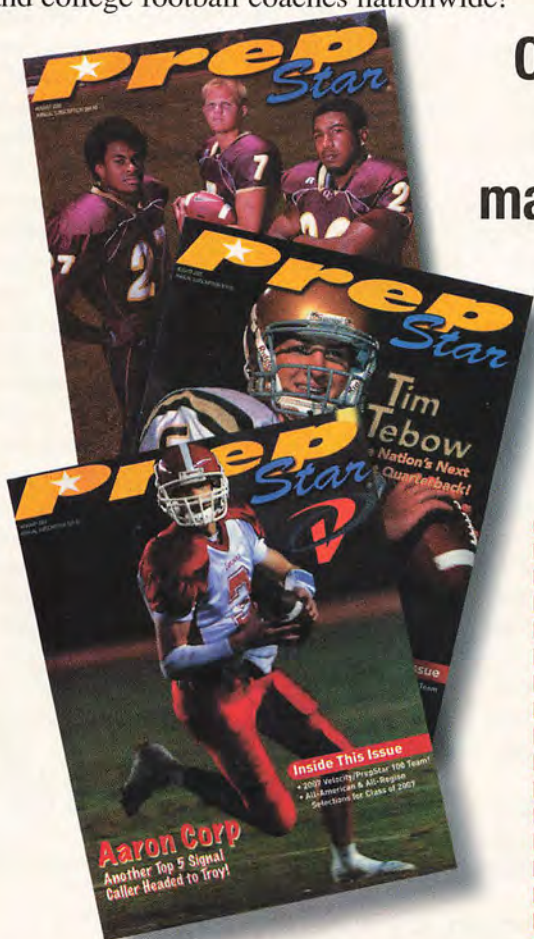
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RECRUITING REPORT

TOP 100 INCOMING FRESHMEN

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1. Everson Griffen	DE	6'4"	265	Avondale, AZ	USC	51. Ryan Van Bergen	DE	6'5"	260	Whitehall, MI	Michigan
2. Joe McKnight	RB	6'0"	180	River Ridge, LA	USC	52. Michael Williams	CB	6'0"	190	Camarillo, CA	Michigan
3. Marvin Austin	DT	6'3"	295	Washington, D.C.	North Carolina	53. Lee Ziemba	T	6'7"	295	Rogers, AR	Auburn
4. Jimmy Clausen	QB	6'3"	207	Westlake Village, CA	Notre Dame	54. John Brantley	QB	6'3"	195	Ocala, FL	Florida
5. Ryan Mallett	QB	6'6"	235	Texarkana, TX	Michigan	55. John Elliott	G	6'4"	280	East Meadow, NY	Boston College
6. Marc Tyler	RB	6'0"	215	Yorba Linda, CA	USC	56. Mike Ragone	TE	6'5"	230	Cherry Hill, NJ	Notre Dame
7. Eric Berry	ATH	5'11"	195	Fairburn, GA	Tennessee	57. Ron Brooks	ATH	5'11"	180	Irving, TX	LSU
8. Tray Allen	OL	6'5"	310	Grand Prairie, TX	Texas	58. Mark Barnes	ATH	6'2"	189	Columbia, SC	South Carolina
9. Chris Galippo	MLB	6'2"	235	Corona, CA	USC	59. Richetti Jones	DE	6'4"	240	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma State
10. Terrance Toliver	WR	6'5"	180	Hempstead, TX	LSU	60. DeAngelo Benton	WR	6'3"	190	Bastrop, LA	LSU
11. Chad Jones	S	6'3"	222	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU	61. Austin Box	S	6'3"	220	Enid, OK	Oklahoma
12. Arrelious Benn	WR	6'2"	210	Washington, D.C.	Illinois	62. Willy Korn	QB	6'2"	200	Lyman, SC	Clemson
13. Ronald Johnson	CB	6'1"	190	Muskegon, MI	USC	63. Rob Gronkowski	TE	6'6"	250	Williamsville, NY	Arizona
14. Curtis Brown	CB	6'1"	175	Gilmer, TX	Texas	64. Duval Kamara	WR	6'4"	205	Hoboken, NJ	Notre Dame
15. Noel Devine	RB	5'8"	170	N. Fort Myers, FL	West Virginia	65. Robert Elliott	RB	6'0"	188	Okolona, MS	Mississippi State
16. Torrey Davis	DT	6'4"	285	Seffner, FL	Florida	66. Dionte Allen	CB	5'11"	175	Orchard Lake, MI	Florida State
17. Josh Oglesby	T	6'7"	320	Milwaukee, WI	Wisconsin	67. Ahmad Paige	WR	6'3"	175	Sterlington, LA	Tennessee
18. Aaron Corp	QB	6'3"	185	Villa Park CA	USC	68. Toney Clemons	WR	6'2"	205	New Kensington, PA	Michigan
19. Caleb King	RB	5'11"	205	Norcross, GA	Georgia	69. Chris Izbicki	TE	6'3"	230	Kirkland, WA	Washington
20. Anthony Davis	T	6'6"	350	Piscataway, NJ	Rutgers	70. Stefain Francois	S	6'1"	200	Reserve, LA	LSU
21. Ben Martin	DE	6'5"	230	Cincinnati, OH	Tennessee	71. Jeremy Finch	S	6'1"	203	Indianapolis, IN	Florida
22. Deonte Thompson	WR	5'11"	186	Belle Glade, FL	Florida	72. Nick Sukay	S	6'2"	200	Mount Pleasant, PA	Penn State
23. Kristofer O'Dowd	C	6'5"	290	Tucson, AZ	USC	73. Robert Hughes	RB	5'11"	230	Chicago, IL	Notre Dame
24. Donovan Warren	CB	6'0"	175	Long Beach, CA	Michigan	74. Gary Gray	CB	5'11"	178	Columbia, SC	Notre Dame
25. Eugene Clifford	S	6'2"	190	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State	75. Gerald Jones	WR	6'0"	185	Oklahoma City, OK	Tennessee
26. Ryan Miller	T	6'8"	310	Littleton, CO	Colorado	76. Josh Nesbitt	QB	6'1"	204	Greensboro, GA	Georgia Tech
27. Tyrod Taylor	QB	6'2"	185	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech	77. Nate Oliver	S	6'0"	195	Lakewood, OH	Ohio State
28. Martez Wilson	DE	6'4"	230	Chicago, IL	Illinois	78. Greg Little	WR	6'3"	210	Durham, NC	North Carolina
29. J'Courtney Williams	SLB	6'3"	218	Danville VA	Virginia	79. Christian Ballard	DE	6'4"	270	Lawrence, KS	Iowa
30. Dre Jones	DT	6'5"	295	El Paso, TX	Texas	80. Lennon Creer	RB	6'1"	202	Tatum, TX	Tennessee
31. John Chiles	WR	6'2"	197	Dallas, TX	Texas	81. Russell Carter	DE	6'3"	240	Houston, TX	Texas
32. James Wilson	G	6'5"	305	St. Augustine, FL	Florida	82. Devon Torrence	S	6'1"	190	Canton, OH	Ohio State
33. Justin Trattou	DE	6'4"	250	Ramsey, NJ	Florida	83. Chris Strong	SLB	6'2"	245	Batesville, MS	Ole Miss
34. Carlos Dunlap	DE	6'6"	240	North Charleston, SC	Florida	84. Luther Davis	DE	6'3"	280	West Monroe, LA	Alabama
35. Aaron Hernandez	TE	6'4"	235	Bristol, CT	Florida	85. Simi Fili	DT	6'4"	340	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
36. Joseph Barksdale	DT	6'6"	315	Detroit, MI	LSU	86. Derrick Stephens	SLB	6'2"	228	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
37. Marshall Jones	S	6'0"	185	Agoura Hills, CA	USC	87. Dez Bryant	WR	6'1"	220	Lufkin, TX	Oklahoma State
38. John Brown	DT	6'1"	285	Lakeland, FL	Florida	88. Brandon Saine	RB	6'1"	205	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
39. Chris Jacobson	G	6'3"	285	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh	89. Manny Abreu	WLB	6'3"	220	Union City, NJ	Rutgers
40. Lorenzo Edwards	WLB	6'2"	221	Orlando, FL	Florida	90. D'Angelo McCray	DL	6'4"	290	Jacksonville, FL	Illinois
41. Cliff Matthews	DE	6'4"	234	Cheraw, SC	South Carolina	91. Marcus Gilcrist	CB	5'11"	175	High Point, NC	Clemson
42. Kodi Burns	QB	6'2"	195	Fort Smith, AR	Auburn	92. Broderick Green	RB	6'1"	230	Little Rock, AR	USC
43. Major Wright	S	6'1"	204	Miramar, FL	Florida	93. Akeem Ayers	DE	6'2"	214	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
44. DaJohn Harris	DT	6'4"	270	Inglewood CA	USC	94. Tydreke Powell	DT	6'3"	290	Ahoskie, NC	North Carolina
45. Chris Rainey	RB	5'9"	156	Lakeland, FL	Florida	95. Jonathan Dwyer	RB	6'0"	197	Marietta, GA	Georgia Tech
46. Allen Bailey	LB	6'4"	255	Darien, GA	Miami	96. John Williams	CB	5'11"	175	Breaux Bridge, LA	LSU
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48. Pat Bostick	QB	6'3"	220	Lititz, PA	Pittsburgh	98. Rashad Mason	WR	6'5"	210	Nashville, TN	North Carolina
49. Martin Coleman	T	6'5"	285	Huntington Beach, CA	USC	99. Michael Reardon	DL	6'5"	265	Anaheim, CA	USC
50. Brian Price	DT	6'3"	270	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA	100. Stefan Wisniewski	G	6'3"	275	Bridgeville, PA	Penn State

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TOP RISING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

QUARTERBACKS

Darius Banks	6'1"	180	Culver City, CA
Jacob Charest	6'3"	190	Matthews, NC
Dayne Christ	6'5"	225	Sherman Oaks, CA
Riley Dodge	5'11"	180	Southlake, TX
Seth Doege	6'2"	200	Wolfforth, TX
Tommy Dorman	6'3"	205	Haltom City, TX
Blaine Gabbert	6'4"	225	Ballwin, MO

QUARTERBACKS

Mike Glennon	6'6"	195	Chantilly, VA
Jacory Harris	6'3"	175	Miami, FL
D.C. Jefferson	6'6"	225	Winter Haven, FL
Landry Jones	6'5"	215	Artesia, NM
Conner Kempe	6'4"	215	North Palm Beach, FL
Dominick LeGrande	6'2"	190	Staten Island, NY
Andrew Luck	6'3"	195	Houston, TX

QUARTERBACKS

Randall Mackey	6'0"	175	Bastrop, LA
Kyle Parker	6'1"	180	Jacksonville, FL
Kale Pick	6'2"	195	Dodge City, KS
Terelle Pryor	6'6"	210	Jeannette, PA
Tommy Reamon	6'2"	190	Gloucester, VA
Justin Tuggle	6'3"	195	Duluth, GA

RUNNING BACKS

Brandon Barnes	6'0"	180	Bunn, NC
Ryan Bass	5'10"	185	Corona, CA
Jermie Calhoun	6'0"	195	Van, TX
British Footman	5'11"	178	Tallahassee, FL
Cyrus Gray	5'11"	190	Desoto, TX
Jonas Gray	5'11"	214	Beverly Hills, CA
Josh Haden	5'8"	190	Fort Washington, MD
Jeremy Hills	5'11"	185	Houston, TX
Justin Johnson	6'1"	205	Gilmer, TX
Milton Knox	5'9"	200	Van Nuys, CA
Alonzo Landry	5'10"	205	Lafayette, LA
Sam McGuffie	5'11"	190	Cypress, TX
Tre Newton	6'0"	195	Southlake, TX
Richard Samuel	6'0"	190	Cartersville, GA
Darrell Scott	6'1"	205	Ventura, CA
Sausan Shakerin	6'3"	200	Sandy, UT
Eric Smith	5'10"	220	Armwood, FL
Greg Wanamaker	6'1"	195	Cherry Hill, NJ
Richard Watson	6'1"	220	Tallahassee, FL
Marselius Williams	6'0"	210	Sacramento, CA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Mike Adams	6'7"	300	Dublin, OH
Michael Brewster	6'6"	305	Orlando, FL
Daniel Campbell	6'6"	325	Houston, TX
Stephen Good	6'4"	290	Paris, TX
Matt Hall	6'8"	320	Dardanelle, AR
A.J. Harmon	6'5"	328	Louisville, GA
Josh Jenkins	6'4"	285	Parkersburg, WV
Matt Kalil	6'8"	280	Anaheim, CA
Senio Kelemete	6'4"	255	Seattle, WA
Kyle Long	6'7"	275	Charlottesville, VA
Tyler Love	6'7"	270	Mountain Brook, AL
Matt Meyer	6'8"	285	Stockton, CA
Vinston Painter	6'5"	315	Norfolk, VA
Matt Patchan	6'6"	250	Tampa, FL
Graham Pocić	6'7"	300	Lemont, IL
Greg Shaw	6'6"	280	Miami, FL
J.B. Shugarts	6'7"	302	Klein, TX
David Snow	6'4"	295	Gilmer, TX
Baker Steinkuhler	6'6"	275	Lincoln, NE
Tyron Smith	6'5"	261	Moreno Valley, CA

LINEBACKERS

Brandon Beachum	6'0"	220	Youngstown, OH
Nigel Bradham	6'2"	225	Crawfordville, FL
Arthur Brown	6'2"	225	Wichita, KS
Ramon Buchanan	6'1"	190	Melbourne, FL
Steve Filer	6'2"	210	Chicago, IL
Shayne Hale	6'4"	220	Monroeville, PA
Chris Jordan	6'2"	208	Brentwood, TN
Uona Kaveinga	6'1"	235	Lawndale, CA
Duane Maddox	6'2"	220	Shelby, NC
Jon Major	6'4"	225	Parker, CO
Lerentee McCray	6'2"	200	Dunnellon, FL
Anthony McDonald	6'3"	220	Sherman Oaks, CA
Spencer Reeves	6'2"	205	Dallas, TX
Ryan Robertson	6'2"	205	Brenham, TX
Damian Square	6'3"	230	Houston, TX
Bruce Taylor	6'3"	220	Myrtle Beach, SC
Devoe Torrence	6'2"	215	Canton, OH
Andrew Sweat	6'3"	230	Washington, PA
Christian Wilson	6'3"	234	McKees Rocks, PA
Marcus Witherspoon	6'2"	210	Absecon, NJ

WIDE RECEIVERS

A.J. Alexander	5'9"	184	Altoona, PA
Jonathan Baldwin	6'6"	200	Aliquippa, PA
DeAndre Brown	6'6"	200	Ocean Springs, MS
Dan Buckner	6'4"	200	Allen, TX
Averin Collier	5'11"	195	Churchville, NY
Michael Floyd	6'3"	200	St. Paul, MN
A.J. Green	6'4"	190	Summerville, SC
Brandon Green	6'0"	175	Chicago, IL
Josh Jarboe	6'3"	195	Ellenwood, GA
Aldarius Johnson	6'3"	190	Miami, FL
Julio Jones	6'4"	212	Foley, AL
Timothy Molton	6'3"	190	Destrehan, LA
Martavious Odoms	5'8"	170	Pahokee, FL
Jameel Owens	6'2"	200	Muskogee, OK
D.J. Shoemate	6'1"	205	Anaheim, CA
Jacob Stoneburner	6'5"	215	Dublin, OH
Kenny Tate	6'4"	195	Hyattsville, MD
Chris Tolliver	6'0"	195	Rayville, LA
Marcus Sales	6'2"	185	Syracuse, NY
Brandon Smith	6'2"	200	New Brunswick, NJ

DEFENSIVE ENDS

E.J. Abrams-Ward	6'5"	210	Thomasville, NC
Chase Clement	6'5"	240	Thibodaux, LA
Quinton Coples	6'6"	230	Kinston, NC
Alfred Dupree	6'3"	210	Dallas, TX
Darius Fleming	6'3"	230	Chicago, IL
Glen Harbin	6'5"	230	Mobile, AL
Dexter Heyman	6'4"	220	Louisville, KY
Damien Holmes	6'4"	255	Colton, CA
Wes Horton	6'5"	236	Sherman Oaks, CA
Malik Jackson	6'4"	210	Van Nuys, CA
Toby Jackson	6'4"	245	Griffin, GA
Jamaar Jarrett	6'5"	240	San Marcos, CA
Datone Jones	6'4"	240	Compton, CA
Brandon Lewis	6'3"	260	Pleasant Grove, AL
Nathan Lewis	6'4"	250	Hahnville, LA
Robert Quinn	6'4"	255	North Charleston, SC
Everette Thompson	6'4"	240	Burien, WA
Andre Wadley	6'4"	255	Hernando, MS
Cornelius Washington	6'4"	224	Waynesboro, GA
R.J. Washington	6'4"	235	Keller, TX

CORNERBACKS

Robert Blanton	6'1"	170	Matthews, NC
Brandon Boykin	5'11"	170	Fayetteville, GA
Xavier Brewer	5'10"	170	Jacksonville, FL
T.J. Bryant	6'0"	175	Tallahassee, FL
Boubacar Cissoko	5'9"	175	Detroit, MI
Arceto Clark	5'10"	165	Shannon, MS
Victor Daniels	5'8"	181	Waycross, GA
Brock Fitzhenry	5'9"	175	Giddings, TX
Robert Golden	6'0"	185	Fresno, CA
Brandon Harris	5'11"	165	Miami, FL
Jarred Holley	5'11"	165	Easton, PA
Janoris Jenkins	5'11"	180	Pahokee, FL
Patrick Johnson	6'0"	190	Pompano Beach, FL
D.J. Monroe	5'9"	165	Angleton, TX
Rahim Moore	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA
Junior Okpara	6'1"	180	Sugar Land, TX
Terrance Parks	6'1"	200	Fairburn, GA
Kevin Whaley	5'9"	170	Virginia Beach, VA
Charles Whitlock	5'11"	180	Chester, SC
Aaron Williams	6'0"	170	Austin, TX

TIGHT ENDS

Dwayne Allen	6'4"	230	Fayetteville, NC
Blake Ayles	6'4"	235	Orange, CA
Undra Billingsley	6'3"	245	Birmingham, AL
Matt Branch	6'6"	240	Sterlington, LA
Ben Cotton	6'6"	210	Ames, IA
Nic DiLillo	6'5"	225	Madison, OH
Aaron Douglas	6'6"	230	Maryville, TN
Tyler Edwards	6'3"	225	Monroe, LA
Joseph Fauria	6'7"	250	Encino, CA
Hubie Graham	6'4"	225	Scranton, PA
Austin Holt	6'5"	225	South Jordan, UT
Andrew Jones	6'6"	225	Smithville, MO
Dion Jordan	6'6"	210	Chandler, AZ
Jarel Lowery	6'4"	280	Paterson, NJ
Kavario Middleton	6'6"	245	Lakewood, WA
Brandon Moore	6'6"	220	Trotwood, OH
Kyle Rudolph	6'7"	235	Cincinnati, OH
Ryan Wallace	6'6"	230	Bowling Green, KY
Mark Wedderburn	6'5"	235	Springfield, PA

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Lavunce Askew	6'3"	265	Camden, AR
Steven Barnett	6'2"	265	Indianapolis, IN
Daquan Bowers	6'5"	270	Bamberg, SC
Sean Cwynar	6'3"	284	Woodstock, IL
Roderick Davis	6'3"	295	Houston, TX
Adren Dorsey	6'4"	280	Tyler, TX
Reggie Ellis	6'3"	270	Washington D.C.
Marty Everett	6'4"	288	Bushnell, FL
Marcus Fortson	6'2"	290	Miami, FL
Tony Gillespie	6'1"	298	Jenks, OK
Garrett Goebel	6'5"	270	Lombard, IL
Templeton Hardy	6'4"	280	Sardis, MS
Omar Hunter	6'1"	295	Buford, GA
Ethan Johnson	6'4"	260	Portland, OR
Solomon Koehler	6'2"	315	Kaneohe, HI
Stacey McGee	6'3"	270	Muskogee, OK
Luke Nix	6'5"	280	Clairton, PA
Kheeston Randall	6'4"	270	Beaumont, TX
Joel Ross	6'2"	300	Houma, LA
Deangelo Tyson	6'2"	275	Statesboro, GA

SAFETIES

Spencer Adams	6'2"	185	Matthews, NC
Darius Barksdale	6'1"	188	Batesville, MS
Nolan Brewster	6'1"	190	Denver, CO
LaRon Byrd	6'1"	178	Boutte, LA
Keanon Cooper	6'0"	195	Dallas, TX
Matt Daniels	6'1"	195	Fayetteville, GA
Dee Finley	6'3"	198	Auburn, AL
Karnell Hatcher	6'1"	185	Delray Beach, FL
Will Hill	6'3"	195	Jersey City, NJ
Chris Jackson	6'1"	190	McDonough, GA
Rotell Jenkins	6'2"	180	Richmond, VA
Dan McCarthy	6'2"	190	Youngstown, OH
Antwon Moutra	6'3"	190	Culver City, CA
Robert Sands	6'4"	200	Miami, FL
Darrell Simmons	6'2"	201	College Park, GA
Maurice Simmons	6'2"	205	Compton, CA
Brian Sommer	6'1"	170	Alcoa, TN
Kye Staley	6'0"	200	Guthrie, OK
Eddie Whitley	6'0"	185	Matthews, NC
E.J. Woods	6'1"	205	Encino, CA

the BACK PAGE

What the... ?

There are garden-variety upsets, and then there are those scores that elicit a stunned double-take as they scroll past on the ticker. Here are our top 10 jaw-droppers from the 2006 season.

MONTANA STATE 19, COLORADO 10

Sept. 2 at Colorado

Hawk Love was in the air for the debut of Colorado coach Dan Hawkins. But the Bobcats from Bozeman spoiled the party, holding the Buffs scoreless in the second half en route to a 19-10 win at Folsom Field. Montana State, which competes in the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference, lost the next week at home to Division II Chadron State 35-24.

TENNESSEE 51, GEORGIA 33

Oct. 7 at Georgia

A Tennessee victory in Sanford Stadium should never come as too big of a surprise, but the Vols' offensive barrage was stunning. Georgia entered the game with a 5-0 record and a defense that had yielded a total of 34 points on the season. But the Vols, behind the near-flawless play of quarterback Erik Ainge, erupted for 37 points in the final two quarters to pick up a huge SEC road win.

UL LAFAYETTE 31, HOUSTON 28

Oct. 7 at Houston

The Houston Cougars were feeling pretty good about themselves. Art Briles' club was 4-1 with a win at home over Oklahoma State and a 14-13 loss at Miami. UL Lafayette appeared to be nothing more than a tune-up before Kevin Kolb & Co. hit the meat of their Conference USA schedule. But the Ragin' Cajuns, who had lost at LSU and Texas A&M earlier in the year by a combined score of 96-10, rallied from a 28-13 third-quarter deficit to hand the Cougars one their most painful defeats in years.

COLORADO 30, TEXAS TECH 6

Oct. 14 at Colorado

Remember the Buffaloes, that team that lost to I-AA Montana State? Well, by the time mid-October rolled around, they still had yet to win a game. They came close on Oct. 7 against Baylor but lost a 34-31 overtime thriller. So when powerful Texas Tech rolled into Boulder the next week, the smart money was on a lopsided Red Raider victory. Didn't happen. The Buffs played by far their best game of the season, cruising to a shockingly easy 30-6 win — much to the delight of a season-high 50,233 at Folsom Field.

MINNESOTA 10, NORTH DAKOTA STATE 9

Oct. 21 at Minnesota

This was far from a vintage Minnesota club, but you had to figure that the Gophers would have little trouble rolling up a ton of yards on the ground against Division I-AA North Dakota State. Well, that was hardly the case. The Gophers managed a paltry 99 yards rushing and were outgained 380-to-249 in a much, much, much closer-than-expected 10-9 win at the Metrodome. The Bison had a chance to win it on the final play of the game, but their 42-yard field goal was blocked as time expired.

MIAMI 20, DUKE 15

Oct. 21 at Duke

Miami wasn't at full strength in its first game after its infamous brawl with Florida International, but the Hurricanes were still the far superior team. Duke limped into the game with an 0-6 record, having lost its previous four games by an average of 29 points. The Devils also had an early season shutout loss to Division I-AA Richmond on their résumé. But the Canes, for whatever reason, struggled in front of an announced crowd of 16,291 at Wallace Wade Stadium. In fact, Duke had the ball inside the Miami 10 in the final minute but was unable to punch it into the end zone. FYI: Duke lost to Vanderbilt 45-28 the next week.

BUFFALO 41, KENT STATE 14

Nov. 4 at Buffalo

Buffalo was one of the worst teams in the nation with an offense that had scored in single digits in four of its first eight games. And the Bulls' defense was equally bad, giving up an average of 40.8 points per game, including a total of 83 points in its previous two games. Kent State, on the other hand, was 5-3 at the time and alone in first place in the MAC East. The Golden Flashes jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the second quarter only to watch the suddenly potent Bulls roll up 41 straight points over the final two-plus quarters.

GEORGIA TECH 7, NORTH CAROLINA 0

Nov. 11 at North Carolina

The result obviously was not a surprise. But the final score was no doubt a head-scratcher. Georgia Tech was 7-2 at the time with one of the ACC's top offenses. The Yellow Jackets had scored a total of 61 points in their previous two games and had topped the 30-point mark in five of their first nine games. And North Carolina was fresh off of a 45-26 beatdown the previous week at Notre Dame. But the offenses were in hibernation on this Saturday; the two teams combined for 432 yards of offense and seven points.

STANFORD 20, WASHINGTON 3

Nov. 11 at Washington

This might have been the biggest upset of the entire college football season if you consider how bad Stanford had been through its first nine games. The Cardinal were 0-9 and had scored 10 points or less in all but one game, a 35-34 loss at San Jose State. In its three games previous to the trip to Seattle, Stanford had been ripped apart by a combined score of 100-10. But somehow, some way, Walt Harris' club found a way not only to score 20 points, but also to hold a decent Washington offense to only three points.

WAKE FOREST 30, FLORIDA STATE 0

Nov. 11 at Florida State

Yes, Wake Forest was 8-1 and on its way to the ACC title. And yes, Florida State was only 5-4. But 30-0 in Tallahassee? Are you kidding me? Nope, it was true. Much to the dismay of the 77,785 in attendance at Doak Campbell Stadium, the Seminoles managed an embarrassingly bad 139 yards of total offense en route to their first shutout loss at home in the Bobby Bowden era.

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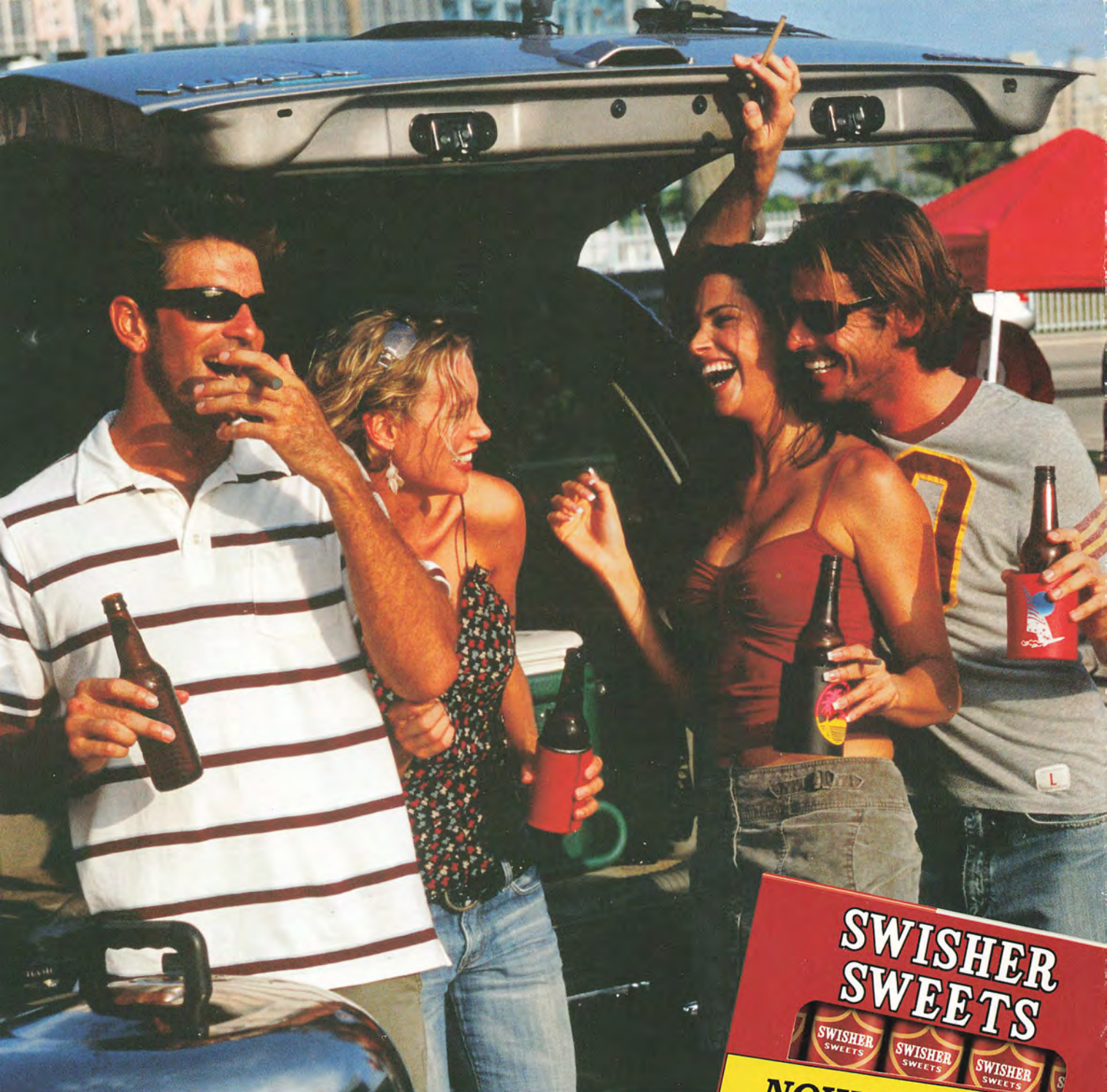


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